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Christmas comes early for children at Chusin



Far left: Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Chartier, from Naval Air Facility Atsugi's Public Works Department in Japan, on Thursday plays with a turtle while a child pays close attention at the Chusin Orphanage. In addition to doing repairs, the sailors took time to play with the children during the "Christmas in August" event. Left: Petty Officer 1st Class Howard Robinson, a builder from Atsugi's Public Works Department, fixes a hole in the wall of the orphanage, which is a 30-minute drive from base. Fund raising began in January.

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States

Funeral for contractor: Family and friends of an American contractor kidnapped and beheaded in Saudi Arabia gathered for a funeral Saturday in Port St. John, Fla., more than two months after the engineer disappeared.

About 100 people attended services for Paul M. Johnson Jr., who once lived in Florida and had worked in Saudi Arabia for Lockheed Martin for more than a decade.

Johnson was kidnapped June 12 by militants in Riyadh who demanded the release of al-Qaida prisoners in exchange for the 49-year-old's life. Photographs and a video of the beheading were later posted on the Internet.

Blake trial: Robert Blake was afraid his wife-to-be would expose their child to a life of drugs and crime — so he plotted a year before her murder to gain custody, a private investigator testified.

William Jordan said Friday he was trying to get Bonny Lee Bakley to leave her infant daughter in California in a plan hatched with Blake four years ago.

Blake, 70, is charged with killing 44-year-old Bakley on May 4, 2001.

Washington state wildfire: A two-week-old forest fire in central Washington was about 45 percent contained Saturday, but evacuation orders remained in place for hundreds of homes.

Crews worked to strengthen fire lines in preparation for winds of 30 to 40 mph that were expected to push the 16,400-acre blaze toward the northeast, fire information officer Robin DeMario said.

The fire, 20 miles northwest of Wenatchee, destroyed one house and damaged another house and a shed.

World

Sudan crisis: Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw is scheduled to fly to Sudan on Monday to press the government to end the humanitarian crisis engulfing the western region of Darfur.

Officials say Straw will urge Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir to rein in and bring to justice Arab militias accused of killing and raping black African farmers and destroying their villages.

The United Nations Security Council has given Khartoum until Aug. 30 to disarm the militias or face diplomatic and economic penalties.



Anti-Semitism in France: French police officers stand outside a damaged Jewish community center Sunday in Paris. A fire destroyed the Jewish center, but no one was hurt. Authorities immediately suspected the fire was deliberately set, as anti-Semitic graffiti was found scrawled at the site. France has suffered a long wave of anti-Semitic violence since 2000, coinciding with worsening tensions in the Middle East between Israel and the Palestinians.

Belgium gas blast: A 55-year-old Belgian man has died from burns received in a gas pipeline explosion last month, bringing the death toll to 21, news reports said.

Fifty-three people remain under treatment for injuries from the July 30 blast, about 30 of whom are listed in a serious condition.

Human cloning: Pope John Paul II warned in a statement released Sunday from Italy that humanity's speedy progress in science and technology risks overlooking moral values, citing with particular concern experiments in human cloning.

The pontiff — in a message written Aug. 6 but released Sunday for the start of a Church-organized meeting on the theme of progress — insisted that advanced research must not become an end in itself.

Sri Lanka peace talks: Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tiger rebels are unlikely to resume peace talks soon, as escalating violence revives fears that the country could slide back to war, officials said Sunday.

Norwegian peace brokers have set no timetable to return to the island, with the government and rebels in deep disagreement over an agenda for talks that have been on hold for nearly 18 months, said senior officials involved in the peace process, on condition of anonymity.

West Bank settlements: Palestinian leaders reacted angrily on Sunday to Washington's apparent readiness to allow construction inside Israeli settlements in the West Bank, warning that it would destroy the peace process.

U.S. officials in Israel confirmed that though there has been no formal decision, the American government is not objecting to construction in the main settlement blocs, as long as the settlements themselves are not expanded.

Such a shift would run counter to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, presented by U.S. President Bush in June 2003. The plan's initial stage mandates a complete freeze in construction in the settlements.

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Yokota helps new youth get right start

BY VINCE LITTLE
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — All that moving around can be tough on military kids. With that in mind, Yokota officials launched a unique program this summer aimed at easing the transition process.

Every Thursday for the past 10 weeks, a different batch of new arrivals entered Right Start for Youth, which offered students in sixth through 12th grades a chance to hear about Yokota regulations, job opportunities, Japanese culture, base schools and Air Force terminology. They also got a chance to make new friends.

"Military-connected youth move about three times more often than other youth," said Lee Andersen, the 37th Mission Support Group's school liaison, who came up with the idea for Right Start. "While the transition process may be beneficial, it also can have detrimental effects on youth. This was developed to meet the transitioning needs of the youth during the summer months."

Yokota already had a Right Start effort in place for military members and spouses but nothing for young dependents. "We tried to mirror what was being done, but with types of interest to youth," she added.

Kayla Loisel, a Yokota High School junior and summer hire who assisted with Right Start for Youth, said she did some research and found no similar program in the entire U.S. military.

"I looked online and couldn't find any other start-up programs like this," she said. The Yokota program, she said, "was all about getting to know new kids — and watching them open up."

The high school and middle school at Yokota feature established orientation programs to facilitate transitions during the year, Andersen said.

Each Thursday since the end of last school year, Andersen and a handful of teenage assistants staged Right Start for Youth, with an average of four to five



Eighth-graders Michael Sanders, left, and Devon Hill, right, show student William Jim Schulz about the base's Right Start Program at the school.

new students turning out for each session. To advertise the free program, they designed posters and pamphlets.

Right Start was fully funded by the 37th Airfield Wing, Andersen said.

"It's harder to meet new friends during the summer," said Sabrina Lucas, a Yokota junior and summer hire who also pitched in. "This helps them."

"The new kids would start out real quiet. Midway through the day, they'd open up and start having fun."

The seven-hour sessions began at Yokota Middle School in the morning and were capped by lunch at the Yokota Community Center, where participants received behind-the-scenes tours of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, including the store surveillance systems and commissary facilities.

In between, the group rode the base shuttle and visited the Teen Center, Family Support Center, and Health and Wellness Center, which provided information about the dangers of obesity and smoking.

"They learned about curfew and some things to stay away from," Andersen said. "The life skills people talked about handling stress in a new environment overseas. There was a variety of learning and fun mixed together."

"Everything youth can do on base, we covered."

Right Start for Youth received lunch coupons from AAFES officials, free bowling tickets from the Officers' Spouses Club, movie passes from the Mayor's Club, pens and pencils from the schools and 37th Services Division, and a cou-

pon to the Middle School store. Wing officials furnished refreshments.

Ron Hayhurst, an 11th-grader at Yokota who volunteered each week, was among those who introduced the newcomers to Japanese culture.

"It was fun," said Hayhurst, who even donned Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear on one occasion in a visual demonstration. "It was a good opportunity to meet new people, so I kept coming back."

Many parents wondered why the program was limited to students in grades six through 12 and not offered to younger children as well, Andersen said.

"Sometimes, it's more difficult for older kids to bond with friends," she said. "Younger ones are always out in the neighborhoods meeting friends on the playgrounds and elsewhere. This was for 1D card-carrying kids who could actually get around the base. The main goal was to get them acclimated to all aspects of it. We wanted to help them meet new people and get to know the way of life."

Andersen said she hopes to see Right Start for Youth continue in the future. "Most youth feel they got something out of the program," she said. "They all feel as though they have made new friends for the rest of the summer and for the upcoming school year. It's a great program, and it would be nice if other bases started it as well."

"Being a military kid can be difficult sometimes. I'll do anything I can to make it easier for them."

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6 Futenma Ch-53s set off uproar

Resumption of flights fuels Okinawa uproar

BY DAVID ALLEN
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GINOWAN, Okinawa — Six CH-53D Sea Stallion heavy-lift helicopters left Marine Corps Station Futenma on Sunday for duty with the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq. Futenma Sea Stallions resumed flight operations nine days after another Sea Stallion clipped an administration building on the campus of Okinawa International University and burst into flames after it crashed. Flights were resumed after an initial investigation showed the incident was "solely unique" to the helicopter involved.

The three Hawaii-based crew members, on Okinawa as part of a six-month Unit Deployment Program, survived the crash but all flight activity at the base, which is next to the school, was suspended pending safety inspections.

Flights for all aircraft except the Sea Stallions started again two days after the crash.

Resumption of any flight activity was met with a resounding chorus of protests from prefectural and local governments, who had called for all air operations to stop until the Aug. 13 crash investigation was complete and the findings made public.

On Saturday, Marine Lt. Gen. Robert L. Blackman, the island's top U.S. general, assured Okinawa Gov. Keiichi Inamine that the Sea Stallions remained on the ground. However, he announced the resumption of "minimal operational essential helicopter flying ... specifically for deployment of the 31st MEU to the Arabian Gulf."

Observers at the Ginowan City Municipal Building on Sunday say they saw the Sea Stallion take off at 12:34 p.m. and the sixth leave the base at 12:46 p.m. All six headed for the USS Essex at the White Beach Naval Facility, a city spokesman said.

At 12:22 p.m. the Marines issued a news release announcing the flights. "CH-53D helicopters will depart from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma today in order to support the operational combat deployment of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit," the release stated. "The 31st MEU is executing an immediate deployment order from the U.S. Secretary of Defense for combat operations in the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom."

The release stressed that "the results of an essential phase of the investigation into the cause of the August 13, CH-53D Sea Stallion mishap in Ginowan City, have led to the determination that the cause was solely unique to the CH-53D involved."

The initial findings indicate that a "small retaining device in a subcomponent of the tail rotor assembly was missing, leading to a loss of tail rotor control." According to the release, the missing device had fallen over a residential neighborhood in the immediate area, damaging buildings and vehicles; no civilian injuries were reported. The school was on summer break at the time.

A Marine Corps spokesman said Sunday the Sea Stallions still at MCAS Futenma "remain in suspended status." The Marines declined to say how many helicopters remain at Futenma.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has a protest in Tokyo. "It is extremely regrettable that the United States has resumed use of the CH-53D despite the opposition of the Japanese government," read a MOFA statement. "We strongly protest the use of this and when they have been no proper explanation of the cause of the accident, nor of steps taken to prevent recurrence."

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2,000 expected to attend Misawa festival

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
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MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — More than 40 aircraft and 200,000 people from northern Japan are expected for the Sept. 5 Misawa Air Festival, a joint U.S. Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force event.

This year, the festival commemorates JASDF's 50th anniversary, said Maj. Mike Frey, air festival project officer and 35th Fighting Wing inspector general.

"I think it's the biggest air show in northern Japan, including all the way down to Tokyo," he said.

Aircraft, both U.S. and Japanese, are to be the show's stars, with both aerial demonstrations and static displays on tap.

Another draw likely will be the more than 120 booths selling American and Japanese food and souvenirs.

Air Force and Navy pilots will be on the ground to answer questions about their planes.

Base officials said they're finalizing plans to bring a B-52 bomber from Guam, a C-17 Globemaster cargo plane from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., and an F/A-18 Super Hornet from Atsugi Naval Air Facility.

Other planes to be parked on the base's airfield include the Navy's S-3B Viking and a P-3 Orion from Misawa Naval Air Facility.

The aircraft and vendors are to set up on the south ramp of Misawa Air Base's runway.

The free festival runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., a booming fly-by of U.S. and Japanese jets is to start the day.

Other aerial shows planned for from 9 a.m. to noon include Japanese HH-60 rescue and CH-47 hoist demonstrations; F-2 and F-4 mock bombing runs; and F-15 and F-16 displays.

To perform in the afternoon are Blue Impulse, the JASDF aerial demonstration team, along with Japan's newest fighter, the F-2. Navy F-18s also may take to the skies.

The Pacific Air Forces Band of the Pacific from Yokota Air Base will play in Hangar 911 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The festival marks one of the few times each year that the base opens its gates to the neighbors. Base residents are encouraged to take a free shuttle from the north area or main gate because of limited parking. The bus operates from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicles and pedestrians entering from off-base will be subject to random searches, Frey said. Prohibited items include pets, bicycles, balloons and coolers.

About 300 military personnel are working the festival, helping with crowd and traffic control, trash detail and medical support, base officials said.

"We've been planning this since March," Frey said.

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Troops get desert training on Copperheads

Safety factors limit chances to practice laser-guided rounds

By Seth Robson
Stars and Stripes

UDAIRI RANGE, Kuwait — If it is possible for one part of a desert to be more desolate than another, then the artillery training area at Udairi Range is such a place.

Training there last week, soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment dubbed the vast expanse of rolling sand dunes "Tattooine" after the desert planet from the "Star Wars" film series.

The 24 Copperhead laser-guided rounds that 2-17 soldiers fired from their Paladin Howitzers also lent an air of science-fiction excitement to the desert.

Star Wars aside, for Sgt. 1st Class James Gray, 36, from Fort Knox, Ky., it was just an unusual training opportunity.

"It is a great opportunity because you don't get to shoot Copperheads that often, even in the States," said Gray, of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Manchus," who also used the laser designators. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. We don't do that often because of the cost of the ammo and the safety factors involved."

Copperhead rounds cost several thousand dollars, said the 2-17 commander, Lt. Col John Fant, who observed the training.

That's not the only issue that restricts live-fire training with the Copperhead



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Sgt. George Yakop, left, and Sgt. Jeremy Gabriel, both with the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, take care not to blind the see-through nose of a Copperhead round as they load it into their Paladin Howitzer.

rounds. The Army doesn't shoot Copperheads in South Korea because of safety concerns, he said.

The Udairi Range artillery impact area is about 7 miles by 5½ miles. At the Saint Barbara Training Area where 2-17 trained in South Korea, the impact area is about 837 square yards, soldiers said.

South Korea is the only place in the world where U.S. artillery fires directly over people's houses during training. That means it is too dangerous to fire Copperheads there, Fant said.

Even in the desert, shooting artillery can be dangerous for the locals. Udairi Range is home to nomadic Bedouin shepherds and camel herders who wander among the guns with their flocks, seemingly oblivious to the risk. And the targets — a group of wrecked vehicles — attracted people, apparently scavengers, which delayed the shooting.

But whatever the concerns about safety, the Copperhead is extremely accurate, Fant said.

"It gives the artillery a laser-guided precision munition to defeat hardened targets.

Its primary purpose is to kill tanks and armor and other hardened targets," he said.

The Copperhead is accurate to within a couple of feet, soldiers said.

Fant said it could decrease collateral damage — that is damage to private property and injuries to civilians — in certain situations in Iraq.

Once the scavengers moved on, the 2-17 soldiers "painted" a target — a wrecked truck about a mile away — by aiming the laser at it.

The information was relayed to the Paladins, which were spread out in the desert another mile away, and a Copperhead was fired. Moments later there was an explosion and smoke rose from the truck, while the soldier who painted the target whooped with joy.

A short time later, Sgt. George Yakop, 25, of Elizabeth, N.J., prepared to shoot another Copperhead.

His crew unloaded the round from its box and carefully loaded it into the barrel, taking care not to damage the large, clear "eyeball" at the front that allowed it to lock onto the laser fired by the designator.

The Copperhead, just over a year long, was at least twice as big as the other artillery rounds packed inside the Paladin.

When they received the command, Yakop and his crew fired the gun, filling their compartment with the smell of sulfur as the missile sped on its way.

"There are probably a couple of times in your career that you get to shoot a Copperhead. You feel the adrenaline pumping hard when you see a bigger round coming out of the tube," he said.

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Strikeforce weathers well in deadly desert heat

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Hard training during the South Korean summer has helped 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team avoid heat injuries during its first two weeks in the Middle East, officials say.

Since the first Strikeforce soldiers arrived in Kuwait earlier this month, no one has succumbed to the heat, Strikeforce surgeon Capt. Matt Hing said Tuesday.

Other units based in Kuwait have not fared so well in the 120-degree temperatures, he said, citing a National Guard unit

training alongside the Strikeforce at Udairi Range in a single day last week.

Hing, 32, of Sacramento, Calif., has spent the past year in South Korea with 2nd ID. He said Strikeforce soldiers are used to training in the hot conditions near the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

"We come from a unit that is used to extreme heat, and we're used to being on a high state of alert for heat injury during spring and summer months," he said.

The 2nd ID had several heat injuries last summer, but Strikeforce avoided such problems during training for the Middle East deployment, he said.

"In South Korea, we trained not just to rehearse different combat situations but we wanted to be outdoors for an extended period," Hing said.

A range of tactics has helped Strikeforce keep heat injuries at bay, he said.

Every Strikeforce soldier has been issued two CamelBaks in Kuwait and ordered to drink from them regularly, Hing said.

At Camp Buehring, there are pallets of water scattered throughout the areas where Strikeforce soldiers live and work: in buildings, outside doorways and inside tents.

Pvt. Jason Sparks, 19, of Com-

pany C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, said training in the Kuwait heat does not bother him.

"As long as you stay hydrated, you are fine," he said.

Soldiers are particularly at risk of heat injury because they spend so much time working outdoors, Hing said.

"Our soldiers literally exercise three to four times a day, and they are doing other stuff between their workouts — walking from site to site with a rucksack, carrying heavy equipment. Even the support units have long hours and are exposed to the elements for long periods of time," he said.

Serious heat injuries include

heat exertion and heat stroke. A person suffers from these conditions has an elevated core body temperature, Hing said.

"With heat stroke, the core body temperature is 105 degrees or more. It is so high they could get brain damage," he said.

A person with heat stroke may become confused and start behaving strangely, he said.

Drinking enough water is just one part of heat injury prevention, he said.

Eating regularly, getting adequate rest, using sunscreen and steering clear of caffeinated drinks all help prevent soldiers becoming dehydrated, he said.

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Experts question ethics of doctors at Abu Ghraib

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Suspected of having condoned the torture of Iraqi prisoners, some American military doctors now face ugly comparisons to soldier-physicians who conspired in abuses by Saddam Hussein, Adolf Hitler and other dictators.

Although the Americans' alleged misconduct is far less severe, some say it was made worse because they did not have to fear being killed if they didn't cooperate.

"I don't think there are shades of gray," said Dr. Vincent Iacopino, director of research for Physicians for Human Rights. "If they did not have the immediate threat of harm, they had the obligation if they witnessed abuses to say something about them."

The Defense Department issued a statement Friday taking "strong exception" to allegations made last week in the British medical journal *The Lancet*. An article by an American professor said doctors at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison falsified death certificates to hide killings, hid evidence of beatings and tortured a prisoner so he could be tortured more.

The Defense Department says there is "no evidence" of that and objects to what it calls the "wholesale indictment" of U.S. medical personnel and care in Iraq. The statement says that if an ongoing investigation finds guilt, "those responsible will be held accountable."

Medical ethicists say that being silent while patients are harmed is a profound breach of ethics and the oath that doctors take. They have called for reforms of military medicine, more training for doctors to recognize signs of torture, and an independent, non-military-led investigation of the scandal.

The *Lancet* article was written by Steven Miles, a University of Minnesota professor who has researched human rights issues for 20 years. It was based on media reports, congressional testimony,

sworn statements of detainees and soldiers, and medical journal accounts — not events he witnessed firsthand.

Miles, who unsuccessfully ran for a U.S. Senate nomination in 2000 as a Democrat in Minnesota, does not shed light on how many doctors were involved or how widespread the problem of medical complicity was, aspects he says he is now investigating.

The *Lancet* report follows an essay in the July 29 New England Journal of Medicine by Dr. Robert Jay Lifton, a Harvard Medical School psychiatrist, noting mounting reports of abuses and urging military doctors to come forward with what they know. He alluded to incidents in the past where doctors had roles in torture or abuse, including the brutal experiments by Joseph Mengele and other Nazi doctors during World War II. Being a doctor and being a soldier are not conflicting duties, said Martha Huggins, an author, sociologist and longtime torture researcher from Tulane University.

Even if officers or other military personnel were abusing prisoners and detainees, it doesn't mean the system expects a doctor to be complicit, she said.

"They put you in that position. They have validated that if they want you to be a doctor," and that means doing no harm, Huggins said.

The American Medical Association has long had a policy against doctors joining in abuse "in any form," said Dr. Michael Goldrich, chairman of its council on ethical and judicial affairs.

"Participation in torture by physicians is the most egregious concern, but there are other levels that can range from physicians caring for patients to facilitate their return to interrogation and torture, or just awareness of the ongoing presence of torture," he said. But written policies against abuse often fall away under the pressure of the kind of counterinsurgency war going on in Iraq, Lifton said. It's especially dangerous when the enemy is unclear and elusive and the war is on foreign and hostile territory, he said.



U.S. Army soldiers search a building after moving forward into a position closer to the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf, Iraq, on Sunday, as fighting there intensified.

5 U.S. troops killed in Iraq; American journalist freed

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OSBEIDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Explosions and gunfire shook Najaf's Old City on Sunday in a fierce battle between U.S. forces and Shiite militants, as negotiations dragged on for the handover of the revered shrine that the fighters have used for their stronghold.

Also Sunday, five U.S. troops were reported dead in separate incidents, and an American journalist held hostage for more than a week and threatened with death if U.S. forces did not leave Najaf was released by his captors.

The violence in Najaf on Sunday appeared more intense than in recent days. U.S. forces sealed off Najaf's Old City and bombed the militants with warplanes. But Iraqi government officials counseled patience, saying they intended to resolve the crisis without raiding the Imam Ali Shrine, one of Shia Islam's holiest sites.

"The government will have no stone unturned to reach a peaceful settlement," Iraqi National Security adviser Mouaffaq al-Rubaie told *The Associated Press*. "It has no intention or interest in killing more people or having even the most trivial damage to the shrine. We have a vested interest in a peaceful settlement."

Senior government officials said last week an Iraqi force was preparing to raid the shrine within hours to expel the militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, but interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi quickly backed off that threat.

Such an operation would anger Shites across the country and could turn them against the new government as it tries to gain legitimacy and tackle a 16-month-old insurgency.

In the Anbar province, the heart of the Sunni insurgency, four U.S. Marines with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in separate incidents, the military announced Sunday.

One Marine was killed in action Saturday and two

others died Saturday of wounds received while conducting "security and stability operations" in the province, the military said. Another Marine was killed Saturday when his Humvee flipped after running into a tank, the military said.

A roadside bomb attack Sunday targeting a U.S. military convoy outside the northern city of Mosul killed one U.S. soldier assigned to Task Force Olympia and wounded another, the military said. The injured soldier was in stable condition. Two Iraqi children also were injured in the blast, said Dr. Mohammed Ahmed of al-Jumhuri hospital.

As of Friday, 949 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

Later Sunday, U.S. journalist Micah Garen, who was kidnapped Aug. 13 in the southern city of Nasiriyah, was released along with his Iraqi translator at al-Sadr's offices, after the cleric's aides appealed for his freedom.


Garen and his translator, Amir Doushi, were walking through a market when two armed men in civilian clothes seized them, police said. Insurgents later released a video of Garen and threatened to kill him if U.S. troops did not leave Najaf.

In a brief interview with the pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera after his release, Garen thanked al-Sadr's representatives for their work, which included an appeal to the kidnappers during Friday prayers.

Sheik Aws al-Khafaji, an al-Sadr aide, said the kidnappers mistakenly had thought Garen was working for the U.S. intelligence services.

"The kidnappers listened to the call that we made during Friday prayers, and they contacted us and we asked them to bring him to (al-Sadr's) office and promised that no one would pursue them," al-Khafaji said.

Al-Sadr himself has not been seen in public in days, but al-Soudani said the cleric was in good health and remained in Najaf.



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Alleged vigilante claims he almost had bin Laden

American accused of torturing Afghans says officials sanctioned terrorist hunt

BY PAUL HAVEN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American on trial for allegedly torturing Afghan terror suspects in a private jail claims he was not on the heels of Osama bin Laden and other militant leaders when he was arrested on July 5.

Jonathan Idema said he had official sanction from Afghans and Americans to hunt down terrorists, and that he's been prevented from showing the evidence in court.

Prosecutors say he was waging a private war, and he faces up to 20 years in a crumbling Afghan prison if convicted.

"We would have had (renegade Afghan warlord Gulbuddin) Hekmatyar in 14 days or less. We would have had bin Laden in less than 30 days," he said and his team met been arrested, Idema said Saturday in his first interview from custody.

Idema, a colorful former U.S. Army soldier, spent three years in jail in the 1980s for allegedly hitting 60 companies out of more than \$200,000 in goods.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, he came to Afghanistan and was featured in several books about the war and the search for bin Laden. He has also worked with several Western TV networks. He said he came to Afghanistan again earlier this year because he felt U.S. anti-terror efforts were failing.

At least four Afghan intelligence officials said he on the 75-minute interview in a sparsely decorated room on the top floor of a building at the National Security Director-

ate — Afghanistan's chief intelligence agency.

Though none interceded, Idema made repeated references to not being able to speak freely in the media. He claimed he was badly beaten repeatedly by his jailers, though he had no visible cuts or bruises.

"Everything I was accused of doing (to the Afghan prisoners) got done to me," said the Poughkeepsie, N.Y., native, sitting in a T-shirt, black pants and brown combat boots on a couch between two of the officials. He was not handcuffed.

As he has done during his trial in a Kabul court, he wore dark sunglasses to help him through the interview and refused a request to be photographed.

Idema accused the FBI of orchestrating his arrest, saying the agency was trying to cover up its own incompetence in hunting for terrorists.

But the U.S. government has described Idema as a vigilante working on his own. An Afghan government spokesman said



Jonathan Idema and two other Americans are accused of torturing prisoners at a private jail in Afghanistan.

explosives in two houses raised by Idema and his colleagues.

Idema, Americans Brent Bennett and Edward Caraballo, and four Afghans stand accused of torturing about a dozen prisoners in their private jail. The Afghan prisoners,

that Idema had met with two top Afghan politicians. But there was no confirmation his mission was approved by either U.S. or Afghan officials.

After initially denying any knowledge of Idema's activities, the U.S. military announced in July that it had received a prisoner from the American and held him for more than a month at Bagram Air Base before deciding that he was not the man Idema said he was. A military spokesman said the military did not realize Idema was working on his own at the time.

Idema also persuaded NATO peacekeepers to help his group on three raids in the Afghan capital, Kabul. The security force said experts found traces of

including a senior judge and six of his family members, have been released. Idema hinted there were other operatives in his counter-terror crew that he had not yet been arrested.

The trial was set to resume Monday. Idema denied the torture charges. "Nobody was hung upside down. Nobody was beaten with cigarette butts ... nobody was beaten, nobody was tortured, nobody had boiling water poured on them," he said. "Did we interrogate people? Absolutely. Did we keep them up with sleep deprivation? Absolutely."

Idema said that earlier this year he sent information to the FBI's Counter-Terrorism Watch command center — including the address of a hide-out then being used by bin Laden. He said he passed the information along while he was living in Fort Bragg, N.C., in January or February.

He said he got his information from three Afghan agents working for him in the field, but he would not say how the agents communicated with him in America.

FBI spokesman Bill Carter said Saturday the agency could not respond to the allegations.

"He was arrested by Afghan authorities and there is an ongoing trial which precludes us from commenting on any matters concerning Mr. Idema at this time," Carter said.

Idema claimed that higher-ups in the FBI were slow in acting on his intelligence, and he said he was not satisfied with the giving him better information than they were getting, and angry that he would not reveal their names.

U.S. troops kill three at Afghan checkpoint

BY PAUL HAVEN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. soldiers sprayed a pickup truck with bullets after it failed to stop at a roadblock in central Afghanistan, killing two women and a man and critically wounding two other people, the latest in a string of civilian deaths at the hands of American forces.

The shooting occurred Saturday evening on a road in Ghazni province when the pickup truck ran through a joint U.S.-Afghan military checkpoint, the American military said. Soldiers searched the pickup but did not find any weapons.

The deaths came just two weeks after Afghan and American leaders met to discuss ways to improve relations between the military coalition and the people they are here to protect.

Gen. Gov. Dr. Asadullah Khalid said the pickup was driving over the flat Afghan desert when it happened upon a checkpoint on the main road. He said the soldiers first shot into the air, then opened fire on the truck.

"These deaths were a tragedy. It is very sad news," Khalid said. He said he sent his deputy governor to the site to investigate.

Many Afghans view American soldiers as heavy-handed and overly aggressive, and the deaths Saturday were likely to spark anger.

The U.S. military said in a statement that the incident was under investigation, though it gave no indication any of the soldiers involved were believed to have acted improperly.

"Vehicle checkpoints play an important role in maintaining security in the area, providing security forces the opportunity to find wanted people and contraband, such as weapons, bombs and drugs," the statement said. "Vehicle checkpoints approaching checkpoints should stop and follow security personnel's instructions."

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad expressed his condolences to the families of those killed in a statement Sunday. Local leaders have repeatedly complained of heavy-handed tactics by the U.S.-dominated coalition, especially during searches that sometimes involve air power and take place in the middle of the night.

Rights groups warn that the muscular approach may have caused unnecessary deaths and stoked sympathy for Taliban rebels who continue to defy the currently 18,000-strong force.

The military says its critics forget that, more than two years after the hardline Islamic regime's ouster, Afghanistan remains a war zone. Taliban insurgents routinely target civilians, election workers and international aid groups. Hundreds of people have been killed in violence this year.

Experts see U.S. maintaining hard line on terror detainees

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is taking the narrowest possible view of legal rights the Supreme Court gave to terrorism detainees while trying to fend off any new court challenges. The high court probably will weigh in again, lawyers said. A trio of Supreme Court rulings in June rejected much of the administration's argument that it had power to detain possible terrorists for as long as necessary without charges or trial or access to the outside world.

"Their position is these people have no rights, which is preposterous ... in the face of very clear decisions from the Supreme Court," said Jeffrey Fogel, legal director for the Center for Constitutional Rights and a lawyer representing detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Foreign-born prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp are not protected by the Constitution, or by various treaties and international laws, the government has said in court papers.

No matter how the cases come out, appeals are almost certain to reach the Supreme Court, said Ronald Allen, a constitutional law professor at Northwestern University. He predicted that the White House would defend the current hard line, no matter who wins the presidential election in November.

The military organized new hearings at the Guantanamo Bay camp within weeks of the Supreme Court rulings. They are run by Pentagon officials without lawyers present. In some instances, the detainees have refused to participate.

Government lawyers hope the review panels will satisfy the Supreme Court's demand that prisoners have a way to contest their captivity and present evidence in their defense.

If the government can persuade a judge that the review panels are sufficient, it could head off the challenges in federal court on behalf of the same prisoners.

That strategy might work, said Mark Stancil, a Washington lawyer and former law clerk for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. "My intuition is the court has no intention of micromanaging the actual determinations the administration makes" about individual detainees, Stancil said.

In all the decisions announced so far, Pentagon reviewers have concluded that detainees were properly classified as "enemy combatants" who should remain behind bars.

On another front, the administration surprised many lawyers by announcing this month that it may release Yaser Esam Hamdi, an American-born suspected Taliban foot soldier captured in Afghanistan in November 2001. Gov-

ernment lawyers had fought his case all the way to the Supreme Court, but may have concluded they have more to lose by prolonging the case, said Michael Greenberger, a former Justice Department official who handled counterterrorism issues in the Clinton administration.

Ruth Wedgwood, a professor of Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, said the government could probably justify holding onto Hamdi. Like the other prisoners of issue for the Supreme Court, Hamdi fought his detention by filing what is known as a habeas corpus lawsuit in a claim with its roots in ancient English law. In modern times, such an appeal amounts to a demand that the government justify someone's continued imprisonment.

"Defending the habeas case would not have been any insurmountable burden for them," Wedgwood said. "All that the Supreme Court was asking of them was to go back ... and permit Hamdi to offer his explanation."

The Supreme Court said a U.S. citizen cannot be held indefinitely as an enemy combatant, without legal rights or the means to challenge his status.

In a process separate from any of the Supreme Court cases, the Pentagon is nearly ready to hold the first military tribunals for terrorism suspects. Preliminary hearings for four men are set for Tuesday at Guantanamo Bay.

IN THE WORLD

Bangladesh attack spurs more violence

Protesters set train on fire

BY FARID HOSSAIN
The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — An angry mob set fire to a passenger train and protesters clashed with police across Bangladesh on Sunday, leaving dozens of people injured, as violence spread a day after a grenade attack on an opposition rally killed 19 people and wounded hundreds.

The Subarna Express train was attacked as it was entering a station in the town of Bhairab, 50 miles east of its destination of Dhaka, the capital, said Mostafa-e-Jamal, a spokesman for state-run Bangladesh Railways.

About 20 people were injured, most of them passengers trying to flee while protesters angry about Saturday's attack doused at least 15 of about 25 train cars with gas and ignited them, police said.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Clashes also were reported in six other towns in southern Bangladesh, injuring another 30 people, police said. More than 200 pro-

testers were arrested in Chittagong, 140 miles southeast of Dhaka, on charges of violence, according to the private station NTV.

The violence came amid anger over Saturday's attack outside the opposition Awami League party's headquarters in Dhaka, which allies claimed was an attempt to kill the party's leader Sheikh Hasina.

"We demand the immediate arrest of those responsible," said Likat Shikder, a student group leader, at a protest Sunday in Dhaka.

Security was stepped up across the country, authorities said, with paramilitary troops and police patrolling the capital in full force.

At least 19 people were killed and more than 300 wounded Saturday, including senior opposition members, when more than a dozen grenades were lobbed at Saturday's rally while Hasina was delivering a speech.

There were 13 explosions in all, witnesses and media reports said, and two unexploded grenades were found at the scene. The first blast was followed by numerous gunshots, and the jeep that carried



Bangladeshi opposition activists set fire to a tea stall in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Sunday. An angry mob set fire to a passenger train and protesters clashed with police across the country Sunday, leaving dozens of people injured.

Hasina away had several bullet marks in the rear glass, Hasina aide Saheb Hossain Chowdhury said.

No one claimed responsibility, but Awami League General Secre-

tary Abdul Jalil said Hasina was the target.

The Awami League has called for nationwide general strikes on Tuesday and Wednesday to protest the bombings.

N. Korea lambasts South for defections

The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea stepped up its war of words over a mass defection of its citizens last month to South Korea, accusing Seoul of an "unpardonable hostile act" in helping arrange the exodus.

Last month, some 460 North Koreans arrived in South Korea in two plane loads in an operation shrouded in secrecy. The North Koreans are believed to have fled their communist land via its border with China before heading to a Southeast Asian country.

Since then, North Korea has issued angry remarks, and has called for the return of these people.

KCNA, the North's official news agency, on Saturday called the mass defection "a blatant challenge and an unpardonable hostile act intended to bring down the political system in North Korea."

Last month's defection was by far the largest in what has become a steady stream in recent years of North Koreans fleeing repression and hunger in a country that has depended on outside help to feed its 22 million people since 1995.

Most North Koreans flee across their country's long border with China, and human rights groups say hundreds have made their way to Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and other Southeast Asian countries, hoping eventually to go to South Korea.

More than 5,000 North Koreans have defected to South Korea since the 1950-53 Korean War that ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

Last year, the number of defectors arriving in the South reached 1,285, up from 1,140 in 2002 and 583 in 2001.

The Koreans were divided in 1945. Their border remains sealed and heavily guarded by nearly 2 million troops on both sides following the Korean War.

'Scream' stolen at gunpoint

BY KRISTIAN KAHRIS
The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Armed men stormed into an art museum Sunday, threatened staff at gunpoint and stole Edvard Munch's famous paintings "The Scream" and "Madonna" before the eyes of stunned museum-goers.

The thieves yanked the paint-

ings off the walls of Oslo's Munch museum and loaded them into a waiting car outside, said a witness, French radio producer Francois Castang.

Police spokeswoman Hilde Walsoe said the two or three armed men threatened a museum employee with a handgun to give them the two paintings, including one of four versions of "The

Scream" — Munch's famed depiction of an anguished figure with his head in his hands.

"No one has been physically injured, and the suspects escaped in an Audi A6. We are searching for the suspects with all available means," Walsoe said. "We found the escape car, and we have found many pieces of the frames."

Many museum visitors panicked and thought they were being attacked by terrorists.

"What's strange is that in this museum, there weren't any means of protection for the paintings, no alarm bell," Castang told France Inter radio. "The paintings were simply attached by wire to the walls."

It was the second time in 10 years that "The Scream" has been stolen. In February 1994, the version on display at Oslo's National Gallery was taken and remained missing for nearly three months.



Edvard Munch's famous paintings "The Scream," shown above, and "Madonna" were stolen at gunpoint from an art museum Sunday in Oslo, Norway.

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Professional origami artist Joseph Wu holds his favorite origami work, a dragon, during the origami convention in Tokyo on Friday.

Origami artists start paper-folding revival

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Joseph Wu holds his dragon as gently as many fathers would cradle a newborn. It's his pride and joy, and mind-boggling in its intricacy, with eyes, scales, webbed feet — all made out of paper.

"I really couldn't say how many folds this required," he says. "After a while, you just stop counting."

Showcasing a renaissance in the ancient Japanese art of origami, Wu and some of the best paper-folders in the world descended on Tokyo on Friday for a three-day competition and convention to celebrate the artistic possibilities hidden in the humble sheet of paper.

"There is a stigma of origami as child's play," Wu said. "But this is fine art."

Few visitors to the convention, which drew about 400 folders from Australia to France, would argue.

Along with Wu's masterpiece, the works included an eerily lifelike rendition of Yoda from "Star Wars," bugs of just about every variety, the Grim Reaper and even a knight jousting atop a horse.

Origami, which dates back at least 1,600 years, flows from a simple set of rules. For most works, only one square sheet of paper is used. There is no gluing, no cutting.

"But those are really more guidelines than rules," said Wu, who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. In particular, he said, the growing emphasis on artistic value has led many origami artists to bend the one-sheet-only idea.

"My dragon took five sheets," Wu said. "I probably could have done it with one, but I was more interested in the effect than on the rule."

Wu said the focus on creativity and complexity is breaking with

the past, when origami was limited largely to a few well-known and relatively straightforward patterns, and is inspiring a growing number of admirers.

"People are definitely taking notice," he said. "There are some limitations to paper. It's generally not as permanent as oil paintings or stone sculpture. But I think we are gaining recognition as equally creative."

Because of the insights it provides to the study of dimensions and spatial relations, the geometry of origami is increasingly being taught in university math departments — the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will have its first origami course next year.

"Origami intersects many branches of math — number theory, calculus, combinatorics, complex analysis, and everything from trigonometry to abstract algebra," said Tom Hull, a well-known folder and professor at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.

Indeed, Hull said, origami is best thought of as a kind of math in and of itself.

"Origami math is the new kid on the block," he said. "It's opening up new and original concepts."

For the less academically inclined, a browse through the Internet underscores origami's more basic appeal — there are Web sites devoted to everything from erotic origami to origami zoos to origami with dollar bills.

Origami is believed to have been used to create sacred ornaments at the Grand Shrines of Ise, the center of Japan's native Shinto religion. It was well established in Japan by the 16th century, and was passed down from generation to generation primarily among members of the ruling samurai class.

Afficionados stress, however, that paper-folding has a centuries-old history in Europe, and that it is today not merely a Japanese art form.

Paris remembers WWII occupation

BY ELAINE GANLEY

The Associated Press

PARIS — There was little bread and barely any butter.

Without coal, electricity or gas, Parisians were cooking meals on camp fires in the streets.

By the summer of 1944, Paris, under the Nazi boot for four years, was hungry, exhausted and seething with revenge. To her own surprise, a young girl, not yet 20, put a bullet through the head of a German officer.

The city of glamour par excellence had quickly transformed itself into a citadel of resistance to the Nazi occupiers of World War II, primed for insurrection. Allied troops began rolling into the French capital on Aug. 24. A day later, church bells tolled. Paris was liberated.

Preparations for Wednesday's grand celebration to mark the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Paris rekindled the memory of another Paris — on its knees but set to unleash its fury.

"There's so much that the French had been bottling up in hatred of their enemy," said David Wingate Pike, a British World War II expert at the American University of Paris.

"Paris had come to a humiliation it could never imagine before."

The average Parisian lost 44 pounds during the Nazi occupation, which began June 14, 1940, he said.

In those dire times, the elegant Jardin des Tuilleries was covered with potato patches, and rabbit hutches replaced pots of flowers on apartment balconies for that rare rabbit stew, according to historians.

But Paris, despite it all, was Paris, and mademoiselles desperate to remain coquettes resorted to wearing "bottled stockings," a special dye painted on the legs, to replace their ragged silk hose.

"They cooked in the streets, but you had to have something to put in the pot," said Madeleine Riffaud, a member of the underground Resistance at the time.

"Paris was starving, without lights, without bread, without clothes," she said.

Such dramatic conditions in a cultural jewel case evolved into what historian Dominique Vellion calls a "culture of war."

On July 23, 1944, Riffaud — code-named Rainer — moved into action. Not quite 20, she volunteered to kill a Nazi to avenge the murder of a friend.

She chose to shoot a "handsome officer" walking on the Solferino Bridge, near the Orsay train station — today a famous museum, Musee d'Orsay.

"I killed that man, but I had no hate for him, I assure you," she said in an interview. "I was afraid."

Riffaud, who turned 80 on Monday, said she acted because she had a mission.

"It was to show Parisians you can kill the occupier in broad daylight at 3 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon."

Riffaud, arrested, tortured then freed in a prisoner exchange, was among a minority actively working to subvert the Nazis. But

her action underscored the rising fever taking hold within the underground and on the streets of Paris.

On July 14, nine days before Riffaud aimed and fired, 100,000 people rallied in the streets, some singing the "Marseillaise," France's national anthem. For the first time, French police did not intervene.

There are no solid figures on how many people belonged to the Resistance, with its many clandestine, even rival, networks. Pike, the historian, said a widely accepted ballpark figure is 100,000 Resistance members in all of France in 1943.

But small acts of resistance were part of everyday life.



French Forces of the Interior are supported by a French tank as they battle against German occupation forces during the liberation of Paris in August, 1944.

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IN THE STATES

GOP senators propose major intel changes

Plan would put CIA, Pentagon operations under new national director

BY MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Intelligence Committee Republicans proposed removing the nation's largest intelligence gathering operations from the CIA and the Pentagon and putting them directly under a new national intelligence director.

Republican Sen. Pat Roberts, the committee chairman, unveiled on Sunday the most sweeping intelligence reorganization proposal offered by anyone since the Sept. 11 commission called for major changes. In an appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation," Roberts acknowledged that full details had yet to be shared with either the White House or with Senate Democrats.

"We didn't pay attention to turf or agencies or boxes" but rather to "what are the national security threats that face this country today," Roberts said of the bill endorsed by eight Republican members of the intelligence committee. "I'm trying to build a consensus around something that's very different and very bold."

But he immediately ran into

some resistance from a Democrat on his own committee. Democratic Sen. Carl Levin said before appearing with Roberts on the CBS show neither he nor the committee's ranking Democrat, Jay Rockefeller, had seen the full proposal.

"I think it would be better to start on a bipartisan basis," Levin said. "I think it's a mistake to begin with a partisan bias on what matter what is in it."

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks called for a powerful national intelligence director who could force the nation's many agencies to cooperate.

Up to now the debate has focused on how much power to give that official rather than on retooling agencies. Most Democrats have supported the commission's proposal that the new director have authority over hiring and spending by the agencies.

Roberts said his aides had spoken with White House officials and would share the details of his proposal with them on Monday.

Roberts' bill would take the CIA's three main directorates — Operations, which runs intelli-



Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., talk about the reform of the intelligence community on CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday in Washington.

gence collection and covert actions; Intelligence, which analyzes intelligence reports; and Science and Technology — and put them into new, separate and renamed agencies, each reporting to a separate assistant national intelligence director. It also would remove three of the largest intelligence agencies from the Pentagon.

Although the measure would essentially dismantle the CIA, Roberts said in a paper he released: "We are not abolishing the CIA. We are reordering and renaming its three major elements."

Equally drastic changes were proposed at the Pentagon.

The nation's largest spy agency, the National Security Agency,

which intercepts electronic signals around the world, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which analyzes satellite pictures, would be removed from the Pentagon and put under direct control of an assistant national intelligence director for collection.

The Defense Intelligence Agency's human intelligence collection activity would become a separate agency, like the former CIA directorate of operations.

Both would report to the same assistant national intelligence director for collection. This official also would have direct line control over the FBI's counterintelligence and counterterrorism units, although they would continue to operate within the FBI administratively and would still be subject to attorney general guidelines.

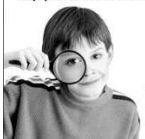
The Pentagon's huge National Reconnaissance Office, which operates spy satellites, would work under an assistant national intelligence director for Research, Development and Acquisition.

That same assistant would also run the CIA's former directorate of science and technology as an independent agency called the Office of Technical Support.

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Former POW quits Bush campaign after appearing in Swift Boat spot

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former POW resigned as a volunteer to President Bush's re-election campaign Saturday after it was learned that he appeared in an anti-John Kerry ad sponsored by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

The Bush campaign has claimed no connection with the group which has led an attack on Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate, questioning his war record in Vietnam and criticizing his testimony at a congressional hearing in 1971 in which Kerry alleged U.S. troops committed atrocities.

Retired Air Force Col. Ken Cordier, resigned as a member of the Bush campaign's veterans' steering committee after it was learned that he appeared with other former POWs in a 30-second ad, produced by the Swift Boat group, criticizing Kerry's congressional testimony.

"Col. Cordier did not inform the campaign of his involvement in the advertisement," the Bush campaign said in a statement.

"Because of his involvement (with the group) Col. Cordier will no longer participate as a volunteer for Bush-Cheney '04."

Cordier spent six years in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp.

The White House and the Bush campaign have denied any direct connection with Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which is funded in part by a top GOP donor in Texas.

"The president has made it repeatedly clear that he wants to see an end to all" advertising from outside groups, said Brian Jones, a Bush campaign spokesman.

Kerry, at a fundraiser in East Hampton, N.Y., on Saturday called on Bush to "stand up and stop" what he called personal attacks on him over his combat record in Vietnam by the Swift Boat group.

New overtime pay rules take effect

BY AMY JOYCE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After months of heated debate, a major revision, protests and an unsuccessful legislative assault, the most sweeping changes to the nation's overtime rules in more than 50 years took effect Monday.

Workers who earn less than \$23,660 annually will become automatically eligible for overtime pay, a boost from the current threshold of \$8,060, set in the 1970s. That change is "the most objective bright line standard" in the dense, complex regulations, said Tom Farmer, a senior consultant with Hewitt Associates, a human resources consulting firm. He predicts thousands of workers will begin earning over-

time immediately because of the higher threshold.

But beyond that, interpreting the complicated, 154-page document still boggles many employers who must first understand the regulations and then translate the changes into new job classifications for employees.

Other than the higher threshold for automatic eligibility, every change in the new regulations means less overtime protection for workers, said a report released last month by former Labor officials John Fraser, Monica Gallagher and Gail Coleman. "More classes of workers, and a greater proportion of the workforce overall, will be exempt than we believe the Congress could have originally intended," they wrote.

Farmers turn to dye to thwart fertilizer thieves

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN

The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — It may fall a shade shy of catching thieves red-handed, but for farmers fed up with methamphetamine cooks filching their fertilizer, staining them pink will do just fine.

Assuming you can discourage thieves you cannot easily catch, a new product called GloTell — which is added to tanks of anhydrous ammonia — will not only besmirch the hands of those who touch the fertilizer, but leaves its mark on anyone who snorts or shoots the end product.

GloTell is already proving to be a handy deterrent, but there were details to be worked out between its birth as a farmer's

Product stains would-be methamphetamine cooks pink

brainstorm and finished product.

The additive had to withstand the cold, corrosive nature of anhydrous ammonia. It had to be safe for the environment, safe for crops and even safe around children.

And in the two years it took to develop GloTell, researchers at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale found it did much more than just stain thieves pink.

The visible stain, even if washed off, was still detectable by ultraviolet light 24 to 72 hours later. As an added benefit, the additive helped farmers detect any tank leaks, said Truitt Clements, spokesman for Illinois-based GloTell Distributors LLC.

Best of all, the treated anhydrous ammonia rendered any meth it was used to make extremely difficult to dry and turned it an unbleachable pink, he said.

Snort it, and it turns the nose fluorescent pink. Inject it, and the telltale pink shows up at the injection site, he said.

During product testing, GloTell was added to anhydrous ammonia tanks at farms that had been having problems with meth thefts in Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana, Clements said. Within a week, the thefts stopped.

Next month, Virginia-based Royster-Clark Inc. will begin selling it at nearly 250

of its outlets around the nation under an exclusive distribution agreement with GloTell, said Lori Ann Peters, a spokeswoman for Royster-Clark.

The meth problem is especially bad in rural states like Kansas, which ranks among the top five meth-producing states in the nation, said Kyle Smith, spokesman for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Anhydrous ammonia is especially dangerous to use in meth production — it can burn lungs, cause explosions and chemical burns, he said. Meth makers will likely turn to other meth production methods if GloTell use becomes widespread.



Sonya Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., eats lobster on her way to winning the World Lobster Eating Championship on Saturday in Kennebunk, Maine.

Woman eats 38 lobsters to win contest

BY SARA LEITCH

The Associated Press

KENNEBUNK, Maine — America's top speed-eater wolfed down 38 lobsters in 12 minutes Saturday to win the World Lobster Eating Contest.


Sonya Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., won \$500 and a trophy belt for her efforts, consuming 9.76 pounds of lobster meat.

Each contestant had a partner cracking the shells and pulling out the meat. Eleven competitors ate as many lobsters as they could in a 12-minute period, devouring a total of 300 pounds of the unshelled crustaceans.

"I have a natural ability because of my stomach capacity," said Thomas, who weighs a mere 105 pounds. "I could eat more, but something else — not a lobster."

The competition, only in its second year, sought to elevate Maine into the big leagues of competitive eating, alongside New York's Coney Island with its Nathan's Famous hot dogs and New Orleans with its oysters.

Thomas was coming off a baked bean victory days before in Indiana, where she consumed 8.4 pounds of beans with pork in 2 minutes and 47 seconds. She also holds records for hard-boiled eggs.



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FACES 'N' PLACES

Japanese director lives a double life

Talented Takeshi Kitano says multifaceted career comes naturally

By ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

Sure, he's won some fancy international awards and has a worldwide reputation as a gifted auteur for such films as "Hana-Bi" and now "Zatoichi, the Blind Swordsman."

But in Japan, few people here think of Takeshi Kitano as a director. Or, in fact, as Takeshi Kitano.

Instead, he's "Beat" Takeshi. Standup comedian. Variety show host. Professional weirdo.

"It's like riding a bicycle," he said of how he balances his two careers. "It just comes naturally. If you think about it too much, you fall over."

Balancing off his ever-present position as one of Japan's most eccentric and sought-after television personalities, Kitano's latest project is a bold remake — though he would probably choke on that word — of one of Japan's most popular dramas set in the times of the samurai.

And in this effort, he has again won critical acclaim. The film, which opened July 23 in the United States, won five Japanese academy awards last year and garnered two best director awards for Kitano, at the Toronto and Marrakech international film festivals. It grossed more than \$25 million in Japan, one of the big earners in 2003.

The story, set sometime before 1868, follows the exploits of an outcast blind masseur who is prone to gambling on dice and happens to be a master swordsman. It's well-worn ground — Zatoichi is a bona fide Japanese icon.

His fictitious story has been the subject of 26 feature films, from 1963 to 1989, and a TV series that ran for more than 100 episodes. To most Japanese over age 30, the character is synonymous with the late actor Shintaro Katsu, who played Zatoichi throughout his flamboyant career.

"The Zatoichi image here is really tied up with the image of the actor Katsu," Kitano said. "So my idea in making this movie was to go out and demolish that image."



Takeshi Kitano, sitting in front of a poster for his latest movie "Zatoichi, the Blind Swordsman" at a Tokyo hotel, isn't taken very seriously in Japan.

Kitano's first move was visual.

He dressed the characters in brightly colored clothing, gave the star a blood-red cane and a green sash and — really pushing the idea of artistic license — made Zatoichi, whom he plays himself, a blonde.

"I suppose you could say he was an albino, or maybe part Dutch," Kitano said in a recent interview. "But I really did it just to enhance his visual impact."

Kitano also concentrated on developing the film's rhythm, and threw out much of the stylized swordplay that has become so integral to other movies of the genre.

"There is instead a lot of simple slashing," he said. "I did away with much of the tradition for this movie."

He didn't do away with the violence, however. The film is rated "R" in the United States for its "strong, stylized bloody violence."

Kitano sees that as ironic.

"People say my films are violent, but that's because when I portray someone being injured I do it in a realistic way — I make the audience cringe. Is that worse than Hollywood films in which dozens of people are gunned down and the audience comfortably applauds?"

He also scoffs when asked if he has seen "The Last Samurai," Hollywood's most recent jaunt into Japan's feudal mists.

"I haven't," he said. "I don't need to. I have a good idea of what it's like. They are always the same."

Kitano isn't necessarily anti-Hollywood, however.

Though many Japanese directors share the fear of their counterparts in France and elsewhere that they cannot compete with the big budgets and big scale of Hollywood projects, Kitano said audiences continue to appreciate diversity.

"Hollywood movies are like Ford cars, they flood the marketplace," he said. "But when you start to worry that they are going to take over everything, other trends start to develop. In Japan we are seeing a boom in Korean films and TV. A movie need not be an international hit. It can be just a small slice of life, enjoyed just by a few."

Kitano harbors few pretenses about his own greatness.

"People go to the zoo to see the pandas and the lions," he said. "But if the dogs and the monkeys can do funny tricks, they will watch them, too," he said. "I try not to work too hard at creating a great work of art. The more you think about that as your goal, the harder it becomes to attain."

Getting out the Latino vote

Of 32 million voting-age Latinos, only 8 million voted in the 2000 election. Actress **Rosario Dawson** is trying to change that.

Dawson, 25, and Latino youth advocate **Phil Colon** have founded Voto Latino, a nonpartisan, nonprofit activist group that seeks to motivate young Latino voters.

A series of public service announcements will begin airing on MTV Networks beginning Aug. 30, with additional distribution on major English- and Spanish-language networks.

The initiative is being supported by MTV's "Choose or Lose" voting campaign.

Dawson, whose films include "Men in Black II," "The Rundown" and the upcoming "Alexander," appears in a spot that she concludes with the group's catch phrase: "It's your country, represent."



Dawson

Musicians pitch in for hurricane aid

Radio giant Clear Channel Communications will raise money for Hurricane Charley victims by auctioning guitars autographed by musical stars, among them **Britney Spears**, **Tom Petty** and **Kenny Rogers**.

The online auction of 43 guitars signed by celebrities started Thursday afternoon and will end Sept. 20, the San Antonio-based company said.

John Hogan, who heads Clear Channel's radio division, said the company's radio outlets in Florida and elsewhere also have been active in raising relief funds for victims of the hurricane, which killed at least 23 people and caused some \$7.4 billion in damage to homes, businesses and other property.

The company says all proceeds will be split among displaced families and the American Red Cross.

The autographed guitars are being offered on Clear Channel's **StormAid.com** Web site. **Stone Temple Pilots**, **Linkin Park**, **Nickelback**, **ZZ Top**, **Tim McGraw** and **Shakira** are among the other musical acts participating.



Petty

Rocking Hollywood in Connecticut

Hollywood collided with rock 'n' roll in the unlikely of places: a Connecticut casino.

Jada Pinkett Smith, **Juliette Lewis** and their respective bands — the Pinkett's **Wicked Wisdom** and Lewis' **Juliette and the Licks** — brought hard rock to the opening of the Hard Rock Cafe inside Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket on Thursday.

"I'm about to unleash some serious energy," Lewis told The Associated Press as she descended into the café via the massive stairway entrance.

The actresses and their newborn rock ensembles performed. **Jada** first, **Juliette** second — for hundreds of invitees and a handful of Hollywood celebrities.

"I'm surprised," actress **Chloe Sevigny** ("Boys Don't Cry," "The Brown Bunny") said of Pinkett Smith's performance. "She's quite good. I like her hair."



Pinkett Smith

Honored for artistic achievement

Andie MacDowell is among this year's recipients of Winthrop University's Medal of Honor in the Arts.

The award "annually recognizes the unique contributions to the cultural life of the university in Rock Hill, S.C., the community and to the nation of a select group of artists and supporters of the arts," said **Andrew Swedlow**, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

MacDowell, who lives in nearby **Asheville, N.C.**, will join five other honorees of **Honor** recipients at an Oct. 22 fund-raiser. Proceeds will go to arts scholarships for students from **North Carolina** and **South Carolina**.

The 46-year-old actress, a native of **Gaffney**, attended the school in the 1970s.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Sharon Fein leans on the balcony ledge in her midtown Manhattan apartment, near the site of the Republican National Convention. Fein and many other New Yorkers have decided to leave the city during the convention, citing expected traffic nightmares and terrorism concerns.

Convention gridlock, terror fears have some fleeing NYC

By ERIN MCCLAM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New Yorkers pride themselves on their ability to handle almost anything. But many city dwellers have decided one obstacle is just too much — the upcoming Republican National Convention.

For these New Yorkers, the prospect of utter gridlock combined with the persistent specter of terrorism is finally enough to make them get out of town.

Sharon Fein, 26, has placed an ad online to rent her apartment on West 36th Street in Manhattan, just blocks from the site of the convention, for \$2,500 for the week — a profit large enough to cover a month's rent.

"I'll be such a hassle," said Fein, who works for a Manhattan custom clothier. "And a lot of my clients will be out of the area anyway. I just feel like the streets are going to be so crowded."

While police have pledged to aim for business as usual in Manhattan, most New Yorkers expect a nightmare of tangled traffic.

Other city dwellers are being chased away by the threat of terrorism, compounded by new alerts issued in early August.

Counterterrorism authorities, as they did for the Democratic convention in Boston in July, promise unprecedented security.

At broker Corcoran Group of the Hamptons, a steady stream of

callers have asked about renting a home for the week of the convention, said agent Diane Saatchi.

"They have strange notions — that it's possible to get a one-week rental in the first place, and that it would be affordable," she said.

Still, Saatchi said, people are willing to give up their homes in the Hamptons to accommodate the Manhattan exodus during convention week.

The state of Maine is trying to capitalize on the exodus — running TV ads featuring serene rivers and enticing vistas.

Craig's List, a popular online network of forums and classifieds, is teeming with ads for people hoping to make a quick buck — in some cases upward of \$10,000 — by renting out their apartments as they flee the city.

One of them is Fein. She's planning to spend the week with her family in the upstate New York town of Stone Ridge.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 22)	107.50
S. Korean won (Aug. 22)	1,126.00
Euro	\$1,269
British pound	\$1,877
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1,817.9
Canada (Dollar)	1.291
Denmark (Krone)	0.6955
Egypt (Pound)	0.2251
Euro	\$1,267
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7952
Hungary (Forint)	203.42
India (Rupee)	11.646
Israel (Shekel)	4.5372
Japan (Yen)	108.19
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2945
Norway (Krone)	0.7090
Philippines (Peso)	55.77
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.3590
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7083
South Africa (Rand)	1.3520
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2517
Thailand (Baht)	1.470
Turkish Lira	1,470,588.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For historical currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates, used for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars to one pound, and the euro, which is dollars to euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile	
Gold	\$413.20
Silver	\$6.86

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.49
30-year bond	5.63

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Buying company stocks

Knight Rider/B Tribune

One way to buy stock in a company without having to go through a broker is with a Dividend Reinvestment Plans (DRIP) program. To participate in a DRIP plan, you generally need to already own at least a share of a company before you can start buying stock. Often, a bank will act as the purchasing agent for a company's DRIP plan. Sometimes a small transaction fee also may be involved.

The Web contains many sites devoted to DRIP investing.

Here is a brief list of some popular DRIP specialty sites:

■ **DirectInvesting.com**, www.directinvesting.com. Search for companies with DRIP plans by industry, and order forms.

■ **DRIP Central**, www.drip-central.com. Features wide range of DRIP information and resources.

■ **Equiserve**, www.equiserve.com. Select "Buy Stock Direct" link in "Shareholder Services" section to access comprehensive list of companies offering DRIP plans.

■ **Netstock Direct**, www.netstockdirect.com. Provides details on more than 1,400 DRIP and Direct Stock Purchase programs.

Americans abroad respond to call to send in their vote

By HUGH DELLIS
Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Four months before the November election, the U.S. Embassy handed out the last of its supply of voter registration applications for Americans abroad. Now it is passing out a second batch.

In San Miguel de Allende, the picturesque town that has one of the largest American expatriate communities in Mexico, U.S. consular officials twice had to order more application forms because the demand has been so high.

As the presidential race between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry intensifies, so has the determination of Americans abroad to have their say in what is expected again to be a razor-close election.

While historically Americans abroad have been assumed to vote mostly Republican, Democrats believe they will get a bigger percentage this time. Both sides have stepped up their get-out-the-vote campaigns in Mexico and other countries where millions of Americans live, work and have the right to vote.

The GOP campaign to rally voters in Mexico includes a four-day visit by George Prescott Bush, President Bush's nephew, which began Friday night. The Democrats held a news conference last week in which they unveiled a non-partisan voter registration Web page and received a rally phone call from Diana Kerry, the candidate's sister.

"People do seem more excited about voting this year," said Laura Clerici, the U.S. consul general in Mexico. "The Merida consulate also ran out (of registration applications). That definitely indicates an uptick."

With the 2004 election being decided by a mere 567 votes in Florida, government and party officials are emphasizing that each and every vote could count this time around as well — from Mexico as well as Massachusetts.

No one has a clear idea of how many absentee ballots could be cast from outside the United States. Few Americans abroad register with their embassies, and the U.S. government never has kept an overall tally of such ballots, which are counted by county clerks.

Under a post-2000 election law, the Federal Election Assistance Commission will be required to start counting absentee ballot applications and actual absentee votes cast — another sign that officials recognize the important role they could play.

The hunt for overseas votes "is probably more intense this year because the election is more intense overall. Everyone is scrambling for votes," said Curt Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate in Washington.

"There are approximately 3 million Americans of voting age living outside the U.S., and no one knows their participation rate, which state they belong to, or much else about them," Gans said.

It is estimated that at least half a million American retirees, "snowbirds," Spanish students and others live in Mexico. From that, Clerici calculated the number of potential voters at "probably at least in the tens of thousands, depending on what the people who come down for the winter do."

While official numbers are hard to find, most absentee ballots from abroad were assumed to be Republican in the past because of the high number of military personnel, civilian retirees and corporate workers.

In fact, the Department of Defense is the government agency responsible for disseminating information on how to register and vote abroad.

But Democrats question whether the GOP will hold the advantage this time. They argue that the idea of casting President Bush will better motivate Democrats abroad, while Gans predicted that opposition to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars may cost Bush some of his strong support in the military.

In fact, the organization Americans Overseas for Kerry-Edwards is so confident that its new Web site (www.overseasusa.com), paid for by the 2004 National Committee, makes no partisan pitch in its effort to sign up voters.

"We're so convinced that these people are going to vote for Kerry," said Ana Maria Salazar, a dual U.S.-Mexican citizen and former Pentagon and Clinton White House official who is Kerry's campaign coordinator in Mexico. "These are probably the people who most feel the impact of President Bush's foreign policy mistakes."

Salazar called Mexico's expatriate population "the mother lode" of American voters abroad.

Larry Rubin, a Mexican-born businessman heading the Republican effort, said the GOP has not been very organized here in the past. But it now is receiving substantial help from Republicans Abroad, a group that mobilizes support overseas for GOP candidates.

Rubin discounted the idea of Democratic gains, arguing that most voters in Mexico are more concerned with economic questions such as the outsourcing of U.S. jobs and tax rules for citizens abroad.

On his visit to Mexico, Bush's nephew will stop in four cities and encourage Americans there to vote. George Prescott Bush, 28, is the son of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his wife, Columba, who was born in Mexico's Guanajuato state.

TUESDAY EVENING / AUGUST 24, 2004

MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	
6	AFN-P	Headline News	Pacific Report	■NFL Preseason Football St. Louis Rams at Kansas City Chiefs. From Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live) (CC)					■ESPN News	Pacific Report	Late Show (CC)		
7	AFN-AT	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Olympic fashion and food: the Olympics. (CC)			Arthur (E) (CC) (DVS)	Animaniacs (CC)	Uzzie McGuire (CC)	All That	
8	NEWS	CNN Daybreak		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPTS	■(4:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced		■SportsCenter		■XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece.				■ESPN News	■NFL Yearbook: 2003 Broncos		
10	SPTS	Ed "Preppie" Ed assembles a patchwork of Carol's favorite memories for Thanksgiving. (CC)		ER Asbury mentally-challenged man erupts; Pilot: allergies panic. (CC)		The Residents "Second Chances" Multiple surgeries.		■(4:30) The King and I (1956, Musical) TV Byriner, Deborah Kerr, Rita Moreno. Starline. A governess sails to Siam to teach the king's children.			Robert & Rooper (CC)		
11	TMC	■(15) ★ "Chinese Box" (1997, Drama) A dying journey becomes involved with two women. R				■(15) ★★ "The Cutting Edge" (1992, Comedy) D.B. Sweeney, Mandy Patinkin. An ex-hockey star is a spoiled skier's partner. PG (CC)		■(43) ★★ "Roger Dodger" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Campbell Scott, Jesse Eisenberg, Isabelle Huppert. A womanizer teaches his nephew how to love. R			■(15) ★ "Love, Honor, and Obey" (2000) R		
24	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	Dragon Tales (CC) (DVS)	The NewHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)		Now "Secret of Photo 51" The life of molecular biologist Rosalind Franklin. (CC) (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead Burial mounds in the Carian steppes reveal women's bones. (N)		P.O.V. Three master tale teachers share their customs through music and dance. (CC)	Charlie Rose Ambassador Howard Baker (N)	American Candidate	
25	SHOW	■(4:45) ★★ "The Daytrippers" (1996, Comedy) Steve Buscemi, Pat McKinnim, Anne Mearns. R		■(15) ★★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Kelly Clarkson, Regina King. Elite Woods fights for animal rights on Capitol Hill. PG-13 (CC)		■Crosses (N)							
27	ABE	Cyber Confidential An airline pilot takes a flight to Maine and is never heard from again. (CC)		American Justice "Suicide by Execution" A man kills in hopes of receiving death penalty. (CC)		Biography The women who gave unwavering loyalty to their crazed guru, Charles Manson. (CC)		Cold Case Files "Diary of a Serial Arsonist: The Lost Clue: Killer on the Ship, The Do" An arson investigator is suspected of setting fires. (CC)			Crossing Jordan "Strangled" Staff studies a murder which coincided with the Boston Strategic Bombing. (CC)		
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		High Tech Toys		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TF	■(15) OK, Fine Whatever		■(45) Pipol		Good Morning Kris		■(15) Kumitangin Kabuh Ayon		■(40) Mtg. Ang Sanya Says	■(10) Sarah...Teen Princess	■(40) Mangang Kay	
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)		CNN World News		Business International		Asia Tonight		Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	
31	GOLF	PGA Golf Nationwide Tour - Alberta Canada Classic - Third Round. From Calgary.				■Golf With Style		■Golf Channel Afternoon		■Golf Central	■Golf Channel	■Golf Central	
32	TLC	Candace Swanep "Miss House the House" Home office, living room. (CC)		In a Fix "Nudist by Nature" Office with a nautical theme. (CC)		The World's Biggest Airline The Airbus A380 The Airbus A380 is designed to carry 555 passengers. (CC)		Overhaul "Dude, Where's My Sky-lark?" (N)		Shows "702 Motoring" Sin city place to go.			
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog		Justice League		Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scooby-Doo! All Star L.A. Lypmics	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Investigated by National Geographic A targeted for African predators. (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)		King of the Jungle An encounter with tropical birds set the stage for a challenge. (N)		Most Extreme "Home Designers" Compare animal architects with human counterparts. (CC)		Manimal Animal People A trapper is called to capture jaguars terrorizing a neighborhood. (CC)	
36	COM	Late Night Lauren Graham; Paula Abdul. (CC)		The Daily Show Bill Clinton. (CC)		Crossbals "Raging Bull" American boxing. (CC)		Mad TV (CC)		Innocent After hours Philadelphia. (CC)		South Park The guys turn their own way bad. (CC)	
40	NGC-A	Mountain Rescuers		Worldwide Treasures		Planet Wild		Bug Attack		Going to Extremes: Wet		Bringing Home the Bears	
42	SPEKE	Real Time	Real TV	World's Wildest Photos (CC)		World's Wildest Photos (CC)		The Joe Schmo Show "Finals" (Season Finale) (N)				Hotties "LA Lark: The Showdown"	
43	FOX	Fame Danny and Jesse compete to lead in the school's play "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde".		Blind Date Quirky gal, Goth, rocker. (CC)		Blind Date Quirky gal, Goth, rocker. (CC)		Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy Each family learns how they must spend their prize money. (N)		The Joe Schmo Show "Finals" (Season Finale) (N)		Quintuplets "Swing, Swing, Swing" (CC) (DVS)	
44	BET	10P Black & BET's Top 10 Live Jet Li; Anes Spears.		BET.COM Countdown		The Parkers "The Parkers" (CC)		Access Granted of Romeo. (N)		Music Special		Cub Clinic Movie	
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "What a Dump" Simpson and Spowick search for the murderer of a police. (CC)		Cops "Mardi Gras '02" Mardi Gras in New Orleans. (CC)		Cops "Mardi Gras '02" Mardi Gras in New Orleans. (CC)		Body of Evidence: From the Case Files		Body of Evidence: From the Case Files		Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	
48	STR-LD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	Dave Star News Focus Asia		Just Shoot Me (CC)		John Doe (CC)		The Bachelor (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)	
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls "We're Outta Here" Blanche plans to set her house. (CC)		■(15) ★★ "The Stepfather" (1997, Suspense) A young woman suspects foul play in her father's death. (CC)		Linda Evans, Rhea Soler, Alan Rachins. (CC)		"I Know What You Did" (1998, Drama) Lawrence Monro. A lawyer kills the assassin who tried to kill her. (CC)		Rosanna Arquette, Steven Eckholdt. (CC)		The Golden Girls Dorothy and San. (CC)	
51	ABC-FM	Full House Danny says Jesse's band. (CC)		Full House Stephanie gets new glasses. (CC)		■(15) ★★ "Hole in the Wall" (1999, Romantic) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr. Genia Rowlands. A newly divorced single mother finds love in her hometown. (CC)		The Assline who is it Anyway? "Newflash" (CC)		Who's Line is it Anyway? "Newflash" (CC)		The Golden Girls Dorothy and San. (CC)	
53	HIST	Japanese War Crimes & Trials "Murder Under the Sun" (CC)		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices" A series of torture devices employed throughout history. (CC)		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices" A series of torture devices employed throughout history. (CC)		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices" A series of torture devices employed throughout history. (CC)		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices" A series of torture devices employed throughout history. (CC)		Hunted Tombstone Tombstone. A series of the Old West's most notorious. (CC)	
57	STR-MV	(5:30) Movie		(15) Movie									
58	ADV 1	(5:30) Adventures of the Quest		River Caves of Mexico Exploring a series of river gorges deep in the Mayan jungle. (CC)		Next Wave Re-slinging and climbing. (CC)		Total Adventure Slung and climbing. (CC)		Total Adventure Slung and climbing. (CC)		Great Indian Railway (Part 1 of 2)	
59	MTV	Room Raiders "Mi-ant"		Room Raiders "Mi-ant"		Direct Effect		Prime Time Players			MTV Cbs Celebrity vehicles.	MTV Cbs "Car Special"	
60	NICK	Julius "Rugrats/SpongeBob SquarePants"		Julius "The Wild Thornberrys"		Julius "CalDog/The Angry Beavers"		Julius "As Told By Ginger"		Scareday Camp Water balloon cart.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)
											The Brothers Garcia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	
												Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

JAPAN TV

Afternoon
12:30 V.P. (12)
1:05 Olympics: Women's Wrestling, Track and Field, Synchronized Swimming, and Judo Highlights (1)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1993): Striking Distance (200)(1)
5:05 News (6)
Evening
6:15 Japan Pro Ball: Hanshin Tigers vs. Yokohama BayStars (42)
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Chunichi Dragons (4)
7:25 What I Like About You (3)
7:30 Olympics Highlights (1)
10:30 News (1)
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11:00 Olympics Highlights (1)
12:15 Olympics: Gymnastics, Diving - Inboard (4)
1:40 U.S. Movie (2000): My Dog Suki (157)(4)

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Morning
7:30 World News
8:00 Olympics: Softball/ Track and Field/
Gymnastics
Afternoon
12:30 Olympics: Table Tennis
1:45 CNN News
1:50 Olympics: Soccer Women
4:00 Olympics: Synchronized Swimming
5:55 Olympics: Gymnastics
Evening
8:00 Olympics: Equestrian/ Diving/ Track
and Field
11:55 CNN News
12:30 Olympics: Cycling
1:25 Olympics: Track and Field/ Synchro-
nized Swimming
5:30 Olympics: Beach Volleyball

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning

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Morning

8:25 World News
9:50 Aerobics
10:00 Classical Music: The New Budapest String Quartet
Afternoon
3:00 U.S. Movie (1958): The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1:30)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1978): The Cheap Detective (1:35)
10:00 TV Series: Monk
1:05 U.S. Movie (1981): The Fan (1:40)

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Morning
6:30 Oswald #51
7:30 TV Series: Friends
8:00 French-U.S. Movie (2000): Harrison's Flowers (2:04)
Afternoon
1:00 U.S. Movie (1998): There's Something About Mary (2:05)
3:10 U.S.-Canadian-German Movie (2002): No Good Deed (1:44)

5:30 Oswald #51 (r)
Evening
 6:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Point of Origin (1:30)
 8:00 TV Series: Third Watch
 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
 10:00 U.S.-British-Italian Movie (1990): The Sheltering Sky (2:25)
 12:30 The Beat File: Van Halen
 2:30 Roxxy Music Live at Apolo 2001
 3:30 Rock Masters: British Rock in 70's: Deep Purple & Free
 5:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Ladies and the

MTV

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6:00 Wake Up
7:00 M Size Fresh Monday
8:00 Top Choice
9:00 Pure Music
10:00 Special: Punk'd Marathon #6
10:30 I-Catch Special
11:00 Top Choice

Afternoon
12:00 Ashlee Simpson
12:30 Making The Video: Chingy
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Green Day: Summer Sonic 2004 Special
2:30 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
3:30 Top Choice Selection: Hip Hop, R&B Reggae
4:00 Top Choice
5:00 Top Choice
Evening
6:00 M Size Street Tuesday
7:00 World Chart Express Supported by Honda
8:00 Summer Sonic 2004 Express #2
10:00 YAT!
11:00 Diary: Asher
11:30 Avril Lavigne: Summer Sonic 2004 Special
12:00 Top Choice
12:30 Consensus: Southern All Stars
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See voting officer

I have noticed a fairly equal amount of
letters praising and vilifying this adminis-
tration. I am writing to encourage all de-
ployed soldiers to request and return an ab-
sentee ballot this year. We are in this de-
bate to give this right to the Iraqis. And, if
you don't vote, "I don't want to hear you
complain about whoever is in office."

I have heard the excuses that "my vote
won't matter," or "I don't have the time."
Remember that President Bush only won
Florida by a few hundred votes.

And it should only take 5-10 minutes to
fill out all the forms and send it off.
I am the voting assistance officer for my
unit. I will be more than happy to assist
anyone who wants to send for an absentee
ballot or needs help completing the form. I
am located behind the post office, and I en-
courage the transient units passing
through to use this service.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Ferguson
Camp Buehring, Kuwait

Why liberals out en masse

It must be an election year. Every liberal
imaginable is popping up in their never-
ending crusades against President Bush
and pushing their victim-head, ap-
peasement-laden and weak-minded agen-
da. One writer even sniveled "Anyone but
Bush" recently.

I have never seen a bigger group of
hand-wringers, with absolutely no an-
swers to the tough problems confronting
the world — and especially America — today.

Someone was whining about FOX News.
Goodness gracious, hasn't the writer ever
noticed that FOX News services are
liberal to their rotten cores?

If FOX is even a smidgen conservative,
thank God. That's right, liberals, I say
"God." I suppose you would deny me the
right to say that, as well.

The liberal media were scratching their
porous heads the other day, wondering
why John Kerry didn't get the traditional

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"boonies" from his party's convention. I
don't suppose any of them bothered to look
at the sad sack parade of characters in book
that week.

You had Al Gore crying crocodile tears
about Election 2000. Give us a break! You
had Hillary Clinton, when she wasn't with
Al Franken, screaming about her "great"
leader husband. You had "Slick" himself,
no doubt more interested in peddling his
self-serving books than in the future of the
country. You had Ted Kennedy and his
ineane fulminations. You had Howard
Dean making his usual array of unproven
accusations.

Then there was concerned citizen
Michael Moore, another liberal who twists
and distorts while admiring his bank ac-
count. Whoops, I almost forgot Al Sharp-
ton's divisive rhetoric.

Kerry didn't get a bounce after all that?
Well, I wonder why... NOT! I wouldn't call
that circus in Boston representative of

Mainstream America, and I seriously
doubt anyone else who was honest with
themselves would either.

Dave Hamilton
Heidelberg, Germany

Garrison or field?

According to a new uniform policy in Ku-
wait, only the patrol cap is authorized with
the desert camouflage uniform. We can't
wear the desert booney because we are in
garrison. But we can't roll up our sleeves
because we are in the field. Or is it be-
cause of potential sunburns?

If we're in garrison, then play by the
patrol rules: sleeves up! In the summer, toes
off on details, etc. If we're in the field, play
by field rules: sleeves down, booney hats,
rucksacks, etc. If we are truly garrison,
what about the bare? Now, because of the
patrol cap, I have to wear sunscreen on my
head. This wasn't an issue with the booney,
and it's exactly opposite of the booney-
and, rucksacks are prohibited and we
must comply with the uniform reg on back-
packs. Carrying a backpack on one shoulder,
or in a band, while carrying a weapon
is not practical. The soldier gets the short
end because this doesn't pass the common-
sense check. If we're in garrison, then
CamelBaks, a field item, should be
out too, but CamelBaks are still OK. Are
we in garrison or in the field?

The worst part is working with mem-
bers of other military branches who play
by common-sense rules. They're in the field,
or down, in booney or cap, with the top op-
al. The question is asked, "If they can do it,
why can't I?" The simple answer is, "Be-
cause I said so." But that's not solving the
problem. The soldier gets the short end
because this doesn't pass the common-
sense check. If we're in garrison, then
CamelBaks, a field item, should be
out too, but CamelBaks are still OK. Are
we in garrison or in the field?

If our leadership put as much effort into
planning as they have into making soldiers'
lives harder, Operation Iraqi Freedom
would be running smoothly as silk. Field or
garrison? I thought we were at war.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Chodios
Camp Patriot, Kuwait

In race for happiness, bronze is golden

BY STEVE BRODY

Think your love life's a failure? How about your job? And what about that 10-year-old buckle of
lug bolts you call your car? Well, you
probably don't need a psychologist to
tell you that what you think creates how
you feel. But it's true. It's the bottom line
of what's called cognitive therapy.

Ale Lincoln said it best: "Most folks are
as happy as they make up their minds to
be." So what to do about it? Take a lesson
from the Olympics. That's why three re-
search psychologists did in a now-classic
study published in 1995 in the Journal of
Personality and Social Psychology.

They looked at silver and bronze medal
winners as they stood on the podium re-
ceiving their medals, and they rated them

according to how happy they appeared to
be. Who do you think was happier: the sil-
ver or the bronze winners? The answer
may surprise you. It was the bronze win-
ners, even though they had performed
worse than the silver.

Why? Because the silver carriers compared
themselves up: "If only a second faster, I'd
be the best in the world. Now here I am, a
loser."

The bronze compared themselves down,
to the rest of the field. They were thrilled
just to be up on the podium. After all, they
could have been only one of the field.

The reactions of the winners Tuesday in
the women's gymnastics finals in Athens,
Greece, were a textbook illustration of the
study results. As the results became clear,
the U.S. team, which had expected gold
but instead got silver, sat dejected and for-

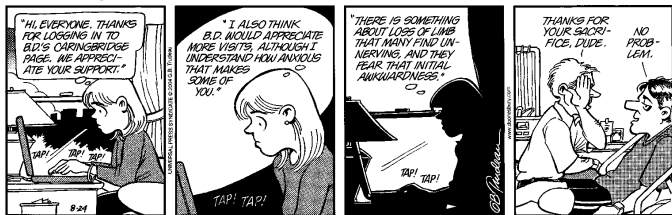
lorn while the Russian team appeared
happy and gracious in winning the bronze.

The take-home lesson here is that how
you feel depends upon what you say to
yourself, especially when you compare
yourself to. From a spiritual point of view,
it's why the Dalai Lama encourages folks
to be grateful for electricity, plumbing and
the other basics, things we didn't have 100
years ago, and that things many people in the
world still don't.

So next time you're working yourself
into a lather about how little money you
have, or how your sex life isn't what you
want on TV — think bronze and be thank-
ful for what you have. According to the re-
search, it's good psychology.

Brody, a psychologist in Cambrilla, Calif., is author
of the novel "The New Commandments" (Champlain Press, 2004). This column first
appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Rabbit finds home

CA CONCORD — Lucky, the rabbit who was tossed into a lake with an explosive attached, has found a new home.

The animal is now staying permanently with a 42-year-old woman who has experience taking care of rabbits, especially abandoned ones. "She's a very sweet little rabbit," said Rachel, who did not want her last name used. "She seems to be able to exhibit not only unconditional love, but unconditional forgiveness, too. She seems to be getting past her bad experience and allowing other people to get to know her."

Choosing mom over job

FL LARGO — When James Gesicki heard that Hurricane Charley was heading for Tampa Bay, he had one thing in mind: getting his 81-year-old mother, who lived in a mandatory evacuation zone, to safety.

The 30-year Largo public-works employee told two of his supervisors he planned to bring his mother, Catherine, to his home. Fine, they said. But make sure you show up for work Friday — the day the hurricane was expected to hit — or lose your job.

Gesicki, 61, and a year from retiring, chose to stay with his mother and was fired.

"I had to make a decision. There was only one decision to make and because of it, I lost my job," Gesicki said.

Assistant City Manager Henry Schubert said public-works employees such as Gesicki must be on site to prepare and fuel equipment before disasters hit. "When we call you in to work, if you refuse to come to work, we will terminate you."

Towed, then robbed

AK ANCHORAGE — A towing company the police department contracts with to haul and store confiscated cars had as many as 82 vehicles broken into, Anchorage police said.

Most of the vehicles at the Aurora Transportation Services tow yard had radios stolen, police spokesman Ron McGee said. It is too early to tell if the break-ins will affect any ongoing investigations that might have involved the vehicles, he said.

The cars kept at the lot included those confiscated from drivers charged with driving without a license, driving without insurance or soliciting a prostitute.

Bison crushes woman

NY CLARENCE — A 53-year-old woman may have been looking for a wandering tortoise when she was apparently killed by bison on her family's western New York farm, authorities said.

Erie County sheriff's deputies said Jane Gilmore died at her farm in the town of Clarence northeast of Buffalo.

Family members told police that Gilmore was apparently looking for a large tortoise when she entered the fenced-in field where three bison and a cow grazed.

Hours later, a family member spotted her body in the field and called police. Because the bison were being aggressive, a helicopter



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was brought in to retrieve her body.

Procrastination U

CA ALBANY — Albany State University was overwhelmed by students who waited until the last minute to apply for financial aid, officials said. Several hundred students lined up before dawn on the first day of classes to finish the process for student loans, grants and scholarships. University officials told the students to go to class and complete the applications later.

Bad injection

TX HOUSTON — A judge has fined a cosmetologist who treated women's wrinkles by injecting their faces with silicone.

Mariela Carattini pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault and was fined \$300. Harris County Criminal Court-at-Law Judge Michael Peters also ordered Carattini to pay \$700 in restitution to cover the cost of a plastic surgeon hired by the victim to repair her facial deformity.

In January, one of Carattini's clients complained after several silicone treatments left her with formations resembling small balls under the skin around her mouth, said Assistant District Attorney Inger Hampton.



Honoring one more

Randy Zaideman adds a memorial cross in honor of Sgt. David M. Heath, 30, of La Porte, Ind., in Heritage Park in Junction City, Kan. Heath was killed Aug. 16, near Sadr City in Iraq, when his patrol came under a small arms and rocket-propelled grenade attack.

Condor setback

CA SANTA BARBARA — A California condor chick that was part of an ambitious breeding program has died, while another was found with a broken wing and gobs of trash in its gut.

Rescuers found more than half a pound of trash in the injured chick, including 35 bottle caps and a pop-top ring, said Mike Wallace, team leader for the California Condor Recovery Program.

Wallace said he's unsure what killed the other chick, which was found 20 feet below its nest in the Los Padres National Forest.

"We're upset because we don't like looking at dead chicks, but overall we're on the right track," Wallace said, referring to the overall results of the program.

DNA key to cold case

NY MONTICELLO — A 41-year-old California man has admitted bludgeoning and stabbing to death an upstate New York restaurant owner almost 18 years ago.

Rommel Bennett, 41, of San Francisco, had been a cook at the Bloomingburg diner owned by John Roe.

Roe was found dead Nov. 3, 1986, outside his home in Bloomingburg, 66 miles north of New York City. He was known for opening the diner on Christmas Eve and feeding the crowd for free.

The key to the case was a cigarette butt found in a beer bottle in Roe's house, police said. DNA taken from that butt this year led authorities to Bennett, who had a 1994 criminal conviction in Minnesota.

"This was a defendant who would have gotten away with murder but for the DNA databanks that are in place nationwide," District Attorney Steve Lungen said.

In return for the guilty plea, Bennett will face 15 years to life in prison.

Prison upgrades

AZ TUCSON — State officials hope to have problems corrected at youth prisons within a few weeks to stave off a possible federal lawsuit, Gov. Janet Napolitano said. State corrections officials have to rebuild trust with the public and with Juvenile Court judges, she said. A federal report released in January said Arizona's youth corrections centers had inadequate security measures and faulty suicide-prevention programs.

Oak disease detected

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The first appearance in San Francisco of the killer botanical disease called "sudden oak death" was confirmed after two coast live oaks growing in Golden Gate Park's AIDS Memorial Grove were found to be infected.

DNA help on the way

MD BALTIMORE — A \$1.9 million federal grant is paying for 12 new employees of the city police crime lab. They're charged with helping Baltimore catch up on a backlog of more than 3,000 unsolved rape and homicide cases. The new hires will select cases they believe could be helped by DNA testing at a private lab.



Sky-high salute

Sgt. Paul McAlpin of the Army's Golden Knights sky diving jump team salutes as he jumps out of an airplane 12,000 ft. above Offutt Air Base near Omaha, Neb.



Rockin' the rim

Vincent Brooks, 19, of Buena, N.J., goes for a slam dunk during an open run contest for new players of a team sponsored by basketball footwear and apparel company And 1 in Philadelphia.



Settin' stone

Bill Dan makes a sculpture from rocks on the surf at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco on a warm, sunny afternoon.



Nice bull

Trevor Hunt from Carey, Idaho, runs from the bull he was bucked off of at the Caldwell Night Rodeo in Caldwell, Idaho.



Filling up

A customer fills up his sport utility vehicle at a gas station in Washington. Amid soaring crude oil prices, gasoline costs have been dropping.



Go play in the mud

Moriah Arabas, 11, of Middletown, Conn., soaks in the mud at Zoars Pond in Middletown between matches at the 18th Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut.

Not taking any risks

AZ TUCSON — The state Game and Fish Department has ordered wildlife rehabilitation centers not to accept deer or elk because of the risk of spreading chronic wasting disease.

Officials say the incurable and fatal disorder is already present in surrounding states.

About 2,000 deer and elk from Arizona have been tested in recent years for chronic wasting syndrome and none has turned up positive.

Still, Game and Fish officials said the department must be extremely cautious since the disorder is related to "mad cow" disease and could devastate Arizona's deer and elk.

Chronic wasting disease attacks the brains of infected animals, causing them to display abnormal behavior and eventually become emaciated and die. There is no evidence the disease can spread to people.

Doctor reports confession

PA HARRISBURG — A judge ruled the state can suspend the driver's license of a man who lost his driving privileges after his doctor reported to police that he drank a six-pack of beer a day.

But the judge also said Keith Emerich may obtain restricted driving privileges as long as he uses a device that tests his blood-alcohol content before starting his car.

Emerich, 44, was notified in April he would lose his license, about two months after he disclosed his drinking habit to doctors treating him for an irregular heartbeat.

A Pennsylvania law from the 1960s requires doctors to report any impairments in patients that could compromise their ability to drive safely.

Emerich has said he does not drive drunk and argued that he has reduced his beer drinking to week-ends and has a clean driving record apart from a drunken-driving conviction when he was 21.

State Department of Transportation spokesman Anthony Haubert said the department was pleased Emerich's license suspension was upheld.

Sentence for drug lab

TN CHATTANOOGA — A man arrested after burns on his daughter's foot led drug agents to a methamphetamine lab in his house apologized as a federal judge sentenced and scolded him.

U.S. District Judge Curtis L. Collier told Robert Tracy Prince, 33, of Cleveland, that his case — exposing a daughter and a son to hazardous drug making — shows how the addictive stimulant hurts more than just users.

Collier approved a plea agreement and sentenced Prince to 122 months, more than 10 years, in prison.

The judge said the investigation showed that Prince and his wife, both in custody since October, forced their 12-year-old daughter to shoplift pills used to make methamphetamine.

Collier told Prince that he and his wife were "not fit parents."

The judge told Prince that his daughter said he and his wife would not take her to the doctor but instead had her "stand in the Ocoee River to cool off."

Tire slasher sent to jail

VT BRATTLEBORO — A local man who went on a tire-slashing rampage was ordered to serve four to six years in prison after he admitted to assaulting a police officer.

Christopher James, 32, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest and unlawful mischief.

Brattleboro Police received a report that a man was slashing tires on South Main Street. Upon arrival, Officer David Manch saw James removing a folding knife with 3-inch blade from a vehicle's tire.

James attempted to flee by climbing over a nearby fence, Manch said in an affidavit. When Manch tried to grab his arm, James spun around and hit Manch in the face.

In a statement, James apologized to all the people that had been affected by his actions.

Wardens get M-16s

TX BROWNSVILLE — Texas game wardens are about to get some new weapons — surplus M-16s from the military.

Col. James Stinebaugh, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the federal government decided to donate the surplus rifles to law enforcement agencies. The state will have to pay for training for the game wardens. All of the more than 400 game wardens in the state are expected to receive the rifles within the next few weeks.

The M-16s will replace mini M-14 rifles game wardens now have.

A TPWD official in the Rio Grande Valley said the weapons will help game wardens along the coast who encounter people who are well armed.

Family found dead

TX TEMPLE — Firefighters found a woman and her three sons dead in a house after a police officer responding to a welfare call saw charring around the front door, authorities said.

A neighbor had called police, advising that the residents had not been seen all day, were not answering the phone or the door, and there appeared to be a fire in the residence, police Lt. Lyn Salvary said in a statement. Firefighters also responded to the call.

Police identified the victims as Katly Ramirez, 35, and her three sons — Eric Ramirez, 14, and 5-year-old twins Devin and Isaiah Blackmon.

Temple Police Commander Edward Best said investigators will not comment on whether the fire was an accident or arson.

Soccer play kills boy

CA MILL VALLEY — A 9-year-old boy died after colliding with another player on a soccer field.

Authorities said that Connor Bell was struck on the head when another player accidentally ran into him — a common enough injury in many sports — but this one was fatal. His spine was pushed against his spine and his brain stem was ruptured. He was put on life support and pronounced dead the next day.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

The retrograde transit of Mercury brings this communication planet back into Leo's realm now, causing a review of the past few weeks. What did you do that was effective? And what, if anything, could you do better? The answers to these questions will help you use the Virgo solar transit to its highest advantage. Make sure messages are received.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 24). In the driver's seat of life this year. Right away, you'll want to steer your "ride" in a new direction. You have uncanny beginner's luck this month and next. Take a chance, especially on new love. You're particularly lucky with Libra or Scorpio. Career aims are serious in September, but don't forget to have fun, too. Family makes you proud in October.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Primitive man never had the worry about whether or not a job was right for him — if he had dinner, it was right. Part of you wishes you had the same simple quest, but working to merely put bread on the table isn't satisfying for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

There's a balance between effort and ease, and you strike it beautifully now, making all you do look like a graceful dance. Your impressive concentration can be put to use on your pet project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're so caught up in the question of whether or not you'll survive in a situation that you're likely psyching yourself into an unproductive state. When you stop caring about whether or not you'll prevail, something magical happens.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Though there is some serious business to accomplish, you approach it all like it's a lark. Your sunny attitude attracts folks who, like you, refuse to make too big a deal out of things. Tonight, the universe whispers to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The need to expand your territory is overwhelming. Go exploring! You'll

find a place that's really special, somewhere you can return again and again. In regards to your social life, friends are in a delicate mood. Be sensitive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There are big juicy rewards for going solo. Reassess the things you want in your personal life, like sincerity, playfulness and inspiration, and take a fresh look at whether or not the people in your life provide these qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Not satisfied with mediocre attachments, you want relationships to be spectacular. Making something special takes creativity and energy. Be sure that short-term decisions about love make long-term sense.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Keep your tie agreements. In doing so, you show yourself and the rest of the world that you're a true winner. A blast from the past is featured this afternoon. Be careful not to fall into a pattern you've long since outgrown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The danger is to hold onto a struggle, making it much bigger than it really is. It's time to give up the fight. The universe won't fault you for taking so much time struggling with the problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A piece of passage is featured. It's a puzzle you must think your way around. You may feel that outside forces determine whether or not you'll move forward, but your internal fortitude has far more influence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're starting to gain power and to realize what your individual strengths are. Protect your autonomy. Make sure your transportation, your income and your home are in perfect order so that you won't have to depend on anyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your busy life is foremost on your mind, and everything important, like loving relationships, seems to take back burner. Remedy this problem of priorities early in the day! Friends come through for you.

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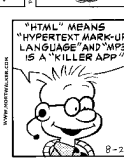
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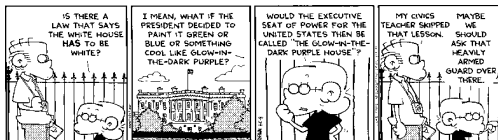
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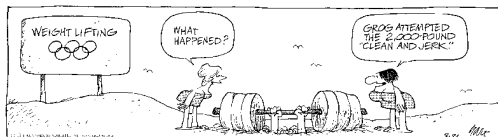
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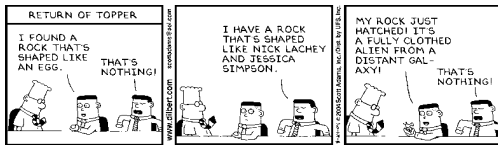
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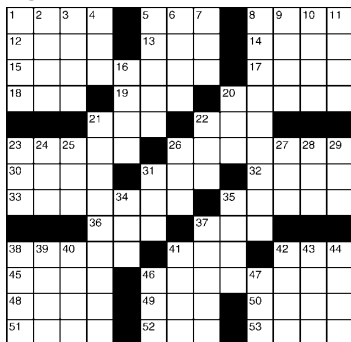
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 14 Huron neighbor
- 15 Will modifications
- 17 Great Barrier —
- 18 Exist
- 19 Tramcar load
- 20 Talent seeker
- 21 Perch
- 22 "Humbulg"
- 23 TV announcer Johnny
- 26 Formal wear
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- 31 Musician's job
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Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	P	L	GB
New York	76	47	618
Boston	69	52	276
Baltimore	57	65	487
Tampa Bay	52	70	589
Toronto	52	72	419

Central Division	P	L	GB
Minnesota	69	54	561
Chicago	62	58	7
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St. Louis	58	67	201
Kansas City	47	77	364

West Division	P	L	GB
Oakland	73	56	1
Seattle	73	56	1
Anaheim	58	72	371

Saturday's games	P	L	GB
Anaheim 6, N.Y. Yankees 1			
Boston 10, Tampa Bay 7			
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 3			
St. Louis 5, Chicago White Sox 7			
Texas 5, Kansas City 3			

Sunday's games	P	L	GB
Seattle 5, Detroit 3			
Oakland 5, N.Y. Yankees 3			
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 3			
Baltimore 10, St. Louis 1			
Minnesota 7, Chicago 3			

Monday's games	P	L	GB
Boston (P-Martiniz) 3-1 at Toronto (L-85)			
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina) 9-7 at Cleveland (C-46)			

Tuesday's games	P	L	GB
Chicago White Sox (Contreras) 15-10 at Detroit (Bordman) 6-10			
Minnesota (Santana) 13-4 at Texas (Rogers) 5-1			
Tampa Bay (Braun) 5-4 at Seattle (Madrach) 3-0			
Seattle (May) 5-1 at Anaheim (C-12)			

Wednesday's games	P	L	GB
Baltimore (Lopez) 10-8 at Oakland (Kudson) 5-4			
Toronto at Toronto			
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland			
Chicago White Sox at Detroit			
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Minnesota at Baltimore			

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Streaking Angels complete sweep of Yanks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Benjie Molina went 4-for-4 with a three-run homer, Kelvin Escobar out-pitched Kevin Brown and the Anaheim Angels completed a three-game sweep of the slumping New York Yankees with a 4-3 victory Sunday.

Gary Sheffield homered and had two RBIs for the Yankees, who scored only four runs in the series and were booed by a sellout crowd of 53,885.

New York lost for the sixth time in seven games and has been outscored 37-11 in the defeats. The Yankees' AL East lead over Boston was cut to six games just a week after it reached 10½ games.

Molina tied his career high for hits in his second start since returning from a broken finger, leading the Angels to their fifth straight victory and 13th in 17 games.

The pulled off their first sweep of New York since May 11-13, 1999, also at Yankee Stadium, and finished 5-1 on a road trip that included a stop in Tampa Bay.

Anaheim has won 10 of its last 11 road games and is 18-6 in its last 24 away from home.

Escobar (8-9) allowed just three hits and struck out eight in seven innings, winning for the third time in four starts.

Brendan Donnelly gave up Sheffield's 31st home run in the eighth, cutting it to 4-3, but Troy Percival pitched a perfect ninth in his 24th save in 29 chances. He threw only four pitches.

Brown (9-3) lost for the first time in 10 starts at home.



Anaheim's Benjie Molina, center, is greeted by Jeff DeVanon, left, and Jose Guillen after hitting a three-run homer against the New York Yankees. The Angels beat the Yankees 4-3 to complete a three-game sweep.

The New York boo birds were out on Saturday as well, getting after starter Esteban Loaiza for allowing homers to Jose Guillen and Jeff DeVanon, as Anaheim cruised to a 6-1 victory. Loaiza (9-7) failed to make it out of the fourth inning.

Acquired from the White Sox on July 31 for Jose Contreras, Loaiza has made himself nearly superfluous in the Yankees' current six-man rotation, going 0-2 with a 7.08 ERA in four starts.

The skies darkened ahead of a thunder-and-lightning storm that led to a 3-hour, 42-minute delay

in the fourth. Scot Shields (7-2) relieved Aaron Sele after the rain delay and got the victory with three scoreless innings.

Anaheim won the series opener 5-0.

Devil Rays 2, Athletics 1: Devon Brazelton pitched seven innings and Jose Cruz Jr. hit a tie-breaking homer in the sixth to lift Tampa Bay over visiting Oakland.

Brazelton (6-4) gave up one run and five hits to improve to 6-1 at home this season.

Cruz's solo shot broke a 1-1 tie and helped the Devil Rays snap a

four-game losing streak and win for just the second time in 12 games.

Mariners 5, Tigers 3: Seattle's Willie Bloomquist hit his first homer in more than 13 months, a go-ahead three-run shot in the top of the fifth.

Gil Meche (4-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in 6½ innings, helping Seattle avoid a three-game sweep. He has won three straight starts after winning just once in his first 12 starts.

Blue Jays 8, Orioles 5: Eric Hanks and Vernon Wells homered as Toronto completed a

three-game sweep at Baltimore. The Orioles' Miguel Tejada went 4-for-5 with a homer and three doubles and drove in five runs, increasing his AL-leading RBI total to 113.

Royals 10, Rangers 2: Calvin Pickering drove in six runs with a grand slam and a two-run home run in his first major league appearance in almost three years to help host Kansas City snap Texas' eight-game winning streak.

Twins 7, Indians 3: Justin Morneau drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning and Minnesota completed a three-game sweep of Cleveland.

Cory Koskie homered and Torii Hunter had three hits, including a three-run double, as Minnesota took a seven-game lead in the AL Central.

The Indians have lost seven straight.

In Saturday's AL games:

Blue Jays 10, Orioles 4: Carlos Delgado homered and drove in three runs to key a 15-hit outburst as visiting Toronto handed Baltimore its fifth straight loss.

Athletics 5, Devil Rays 0: Barry Zito (9-9) scattered four hits over eight shutout innings, leading AL West-leading Oakland past host Tampa Bay.

Rangers 5, Royals 3: Mark Teixeira hit his 30th homer. Manny Alexander added a two-run double and visiting Texas won its eighth straight.

Tigers 11, Mariners 10 (11): Craig Monroe hit an RBI single with one out in the 11th, leading host Detroit to a wild victory in which the teams combined for 36 hits, including 21 by Seattle and four by the Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki, the majors' hit leader with 196.

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Bonds' 693rd keys Giants' win

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit his 693rd career homer, a two-run drive in the first inning, to support a strong effort by Kirk Rueter and help the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets 3-1 on Sunday.

Bonds' 35th homer of the season highlighted a three-run first inning, giving Rueter all the offense he needed. Rueter (7-9) allowed five hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out one. Dustin Hermanson recorded the final four outs for his fifth save in six tries.

Phillies 9, Brewers 6 (10): Jason Michaels' RBI single snapped a tie and Philadelphia scored five times in the top of the 10th to complete a three-game sweep.

Cubs 11, Astros 6: Aramis Ramirez hit a three-run homer and Moises Alou also homered for Chicago. Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood, manager Dusty Baker and Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt were ejected after the right-handers plunked four players.

Cardinals 11, Pirates 4: Edgar

NL Roundup

Renteria capped a 13-pitch at-bat in the first inning with a three-run homer and reached his career high with five RBIs, leading St. Louis to its 15th victory in 19 games.

Larry Walker hit a grand slam, the seventh of his career and second in five days.

Expos 8, Rockies 2: Juan Rivera homered and drove in two runs and Ryan Church had three hits and two RBIs in his major league debut for Montreal.

In Saturday's NL games: **Dodgers 7, Braves 4:** Shawn Green hit a grand slam and a solo homer as Los Angeles and Jeff Weaver (11-10) snapped a seven-game winning streak by Mike Hampton (9-9).

Mets 11, Giants 9 (12): Dustan Mohr allowed two runs to score when he dropped a fly ball in the 12th inning and visiting New York overcame a team-record six double plays. The game featured 10 double plays, 16 walks and three errors.

Astros 4, Cubs 3: Jose Vizcaino and Jason Lane hit RBI singles in the bottom of the ninth for Houston's fifth win in six games.

Phillies 8, Brewers 6: Chase Utley's bases-loaded triple keyed a six-run eighth inning as visiting Philadelphia overcame a five-run deficit.

Cardinals 10, Pirates 6: Scott Rolen, Albert Pujols and Mike Matheny homered to lead St. Louis. Jeff Suppan (12-6) gave up five runs — three earned — and four hits in six innings for St. Louis, which has won 14 of 18.

Rockies 5, Expos 2: Todd Helton homered and Joe Kennedy (6-5) won for the first time since June 20 as host Colorado ended a three-game skid.

Marlins 8, Padres 2: Josh Beckett (5-7) pitched six innings for his first victory in over three months and drove in his first run of the year with a double for visiting Florida.

Diamondbacks 2, Reds 1: Brian Webb (3-14) pitched one run in seven innings for his second victory in 15 starts and also drove in the go-ahead run for the host Diamondbacks.

Cink takes 5-shot lead into final round of NEC

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Stewart Cink watched his 50-foot chip track to the hole, then thrust his arms in the air when it fell in for a birdie Saturday at the NEC Invitational.

The real surprise came when he looked up at the leaderboard behind a 17th green.

Golf roundup

Just two holes earlier, Cink was clinging to a two-shot lead over David Toms in the group ahead, with Tiger Woods another shot back and standing next to him on the 17th tee. All it took was a double bogey by Toms and a near-shank by Woods for Cink to suddenly look like a shoo-in at Firestone South.

"I didn't expect anything like that to happen," Cink said after a 2-under 68. "I thought, 'That's pretty cool.' That chip-in just got me a five-shot lead."

Now all he has to do is protect it against a trio of Ryder Cup teammates. Five days after becoming a wild-card pick for the U.S. team, Cink made captain Hal Sutton's decision look better than ever by seizing control at the NEC Invitational. He was at 11-under 199 and had the largest 54-hole lead at this World Golf Championship since Woods led by nine shots in 2000.

Woods hit one shot 40 yards



Catriona Matthew made a par putt on the first playoff hole to defeat Hee-Won Han on Sunday.

over the gallery, grazed a boy's head off the eighth tee and nearly shanked an iron that bounced off the corporate tents on the 17th, but still managed a 70 to join Toms (69) and Chris DiMarco (67) in the group at 5-under 204.

"I hit it so great this morning it was scary," Woods said, who made three straight birdies to finish his second round in the rain-delayed tournament. "Then all of a sudden, I come out here and play like an idiot. I know it's in there. It's just a matter of bringing it out."

Toms ended his round with a double bogey for the second time this week, and this one was costly. He was two shots out of the lead

when he pulled his tee shot on the 18th under a tree, advanced it into the rough, came short of the green and then chipped 10 feet long and missed the putt.

Matthew earns title in playoff

DUBLIN, Ohio — Catriona Matthew rolled in a short par putt on the first playoff hole to beat defending champion Hee-Won Han and win the Wendy's Championship for Children on Sunday.

Matthew shot a 4-under 68 for a 10-under 278 total and won her second career LPGA title, and first since 2001.

Matthew and Han, playing in the same group, each parred the 18th in regulation to force the playoff. Han's 4-footer barely slid in the side of the cup.

In the playoff, Han's drive was short and she had to hit a fairway wood to reach the first-cut of rough near the upper tier of the green. She was about 60 feet from the hole, which was located on the lower tier and perilously close to a creek which runs along the 18th.

Matthew's second shot came up 30 feet short, but on the same level as the pin.

Han, who led by as many as three shots and was the leader throughout the final round, closed with a 72.

Lorena Ochoa had the day's low round, and her 67 left her alone in third place at 279.

Amateur Michelle Weir had a

strong finish, shooting a 69 to get to 6-under 282, good enough for a tie for sixth place. The 14-year-old was 3 under on the front side and played even-par on the inward nine.

Moore poised for fourth title

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Ryan Moore moved into position to try for his fourth amateur title of the year, beating Jeff Overton and 1 in the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Moore, a UNLV senior who has already won the NCAA Division I, U.S. Amateur Public Links and Western Amateur titles, will face Luke List in Sunday's 36-hole final.

List, of Ringgold, Ga., beat Chris Nallen with a birdie on the first playoff hole.

He led Nallen, of Hackensack, N.J., 2-up when rain temporarily halted play with three holes remaining. Nallen later squared the match with a par on the 16th and a birdie at No. 18, forcing a playoff.

Overton led 1-up at the turn. Moore pulled even with a par at No. 10.

Rookie Thatcher takes lead

RENO, Nev. — Roland Thatcher closed with three straight birdies for a 4-under-par 68 and a one-stroke lead over fellow rookie Vaughn Taylor after three rounds of the Reno-Tahoe Open.

Thatcher, who had four

three-putt bogeys, fell three strokes behind Taylor for four holes remaining at Montreux Golf and Country Club. He rallied with a 17-foot birdie putt at the par-3 16th and a 6-footer at the par-5 17th. He hit a wedge from 84 yards to within a foot at the 18th and tapped in for a 14-under 202 total.

Tewell wins Hickory Classic

NOVER, N.C. — Doug Tewell won't be returning the putter he borrowed from fellow Champions Tour pro Walter Hall any time soon.

Tewell borrowed the putter, a Ping Anser model, after Friday's first round of the Greater Hickory Classic. On Sunday he used it to sink a 12-foot birdie putt on the last hole and claimed victory with a tournament-low, 8-under-par 66.

Tewell said the putter will be in his bag this week for the Jeld-Wen Tradition in Oregon, the tour's next stop.

"I wasn't even going to get that putter back," Tewell said. "Now I understand the price has gone up a little bit, but that putter's going to be headed to Portland long before Walter can get his hands on it here."

Tewell played three bogey-free rounds and finished at 14-under-par 202 for the 54-hole event, one shot ahead of second-round leader Bruce Fleisher, who shot 68 on the 7,097-yard layout.

Biffle pulls away from teammate Martin for second Cup win

By Mike Harris

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Greg Biffle drove to a victory, pulling away from gambling teammate Mark Martin at the end of the NASCAR Nextel Cup race Sunday at Michigan International Speedway.

Biffle, the only driver to win both the Budweiser Craftsman Truck series championships, took the CFS Marketplace 400 for his second career Cup victory. He has struggled through much of his second full season in the series.

To get his first victory since the July race at Daytona last year, Biffle had to hold off longtime Cup star Martin, who overcame a mistake in the pits to get back to the runner-up spot.

Martin and crew chief Pat Tryson chose

to take only two tires on their final pit stop, while Biffle and the rest of the leaders took four. That gave Martin track position, but he was unable to come close to chasing down Biffle's Ford.

Biffle pulled steadily away from Martin's Taurus in the closing laps, beating his Roush Racing teammate to the finish line by 8.216 seconds — nearly half the front straightaway on the 2-mile oval.

"I was a little bit concerned because you never know what Mark Martin has up his sleeve," Biffle said. "He's always an aggressive race-car driver. ... Thank goodness he took two tires. I knew it was over then."

The driver from Vancouver, Wash., led a race-high 73 of the 200 laps and averaged 139.063 mph, slowed by a track-record nine caution flags.

Martin, who won earlier this year in Dover, Del., and is making a strong run at a spot in NASCAR's new 10-race championship playoff, lost ground when he was penalized when a crewman failed to get a lug nut tightened on his left rear tire during a pit stop on the 130th lap.

The four-time series runner-up, who was leading before that stop, fell to 23rd for the ensuing restart after being penalized by NASCAR for the loose lugnut.

Martin refused to blame his team for losing the race.

"Everybody has problems and mistakes, including the driver," he said. "I pile this thing into the concrete once in a while, too."

There are only three more races remaining before the field is set for the "Chase for

the Cup," with the top 10 drivers in the standings racing over the last 10 events for the title. After the race Sept. 11 in Richmond, Va., NASCAR will reset the points, with the leader only five ahead of the runner-up and 45 in front of the 10th-place driver.

The whole points race tightened up Sunday when Jimmie Johnson — who took the lead with a fourth-place run here in June and led by 232 just three weeks ago — had an engine failure for the third straight week and finished 11th. Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon moved to the top.

The four-time series champion, who last led the driver standings at the end of his championship run in 2001, is now 68 ahead of Johnson.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., a disappointing 21st Sunday, is 139 behind.

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Injury ends Devers' quest for hurdle gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Gail Devers failed once again in the Olympic 100-meter hurdle final, falling to injury just steps into her first race.

Devers, 37, who has three world championships in the event, pulled up short and screamed as she slid under the first hurdle Sunday. She sat on the track for about two minutes, rubbing her left leg and grimacing.

Devers issued a statement through USA Track & Field saying the leg had popped while she was warming up for the race. "I knew before I got in the blocks that it was gone already. My head said I'm running and if it's going to pull 10 times in the race, it's going to have to pull," she said. "I believe I conquered this tonight just getting down there when I already knew it was gone. My career is not over. I'm here. I'm alive. I'm not healthy, but I'm alive."

Devers hurt her leg in practice a week ago and wore a heavy bandage during three rounds of the 100 meters on Friday and Saturday before being eliminated in the semifinals.

Sunday's shocking development may lead to second guessing about Devers' decision to run in the 100. She took the third U.S. spot in that event when Torri Ed-

Olympic roundup

wards was suspended for two years for accidentally ingesting a banned stimulant.

Devers could have turned down the spot and focused on the hurdles, allowing Marion Jones to try to defend her Olympic title.

Devers' two U.S. teammates who hurled her hurdles, Melissa Morrison in 12.76 and Joanna Hayes in 12.72. They advanced to the semifinals along with world champion Perdita Felician, a Canadian who attended the University of Illinois.

U.S. women's hoops team loses Smith

ATHENS, Greece — This latest victory for the U.S. women's basketball team came with a scare — from an injury, not the opponent.

Katie Smith, the team's best outside shooter, reinjured her right knee early in the game, a disorienting turn in an otherwise sparkling performance that produced a 100-62 victory over China on Sunday.

The four-time WNBA All-Star for the Minnesota Lynx had missed the first game in these Olympics after bruising her right knee last month. The initial diagnosis was a sprain and Smith will undergo an MRI on Monday.

Smith was hurt in the final round of the preliminaries, a game that meant nothing other than extending the U.S. winning streak in the Olympics to 22. The United States already had secured first place in Group B.

Lisa Leslie and Yolanda Griffith dominated inside and the United States overhauled the Chinese players all over the floor with its pressure defense, forcing 27 turnovers and making 22 steals.

Russian gold medalist

in shot put fails drug test

ATHENS, Greece — Russian shot put gold medalist Irina Korzhenko was under investigation for a positive drug test, international and Russian Olympic officials confirmed Sunday.

Korzhenko, the first woman to win a gold medal at the sacred site of Ancient Olympia, tested positive for the steroid stanozolol after Wednesday's competition, Russian Olympic Committee spokesman Gennady Shvets said.

The backup B sample was being analyzed to verify the result.

Stanozolol is the same steroid that cost Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson his gold medal in the 100 meters at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Also, Greek weightlifter Leonidas Sam-

panis was stripped of his bronze medal and expelled from the Olympics for a doping offense, another embarrassment for the host nation. He was the first athlete in Athens to lose his medal because of doping.

U.S. team eliminated in beach volleyball play

ATHENS, Greece — The American beach volleyball team of Stein Metzger and Chad Holdren, seeded 12th, lost Sunday to the fifth-seeded Swiss pair of Patrick Heuschler and Stefan Kobel 21-16, 21-19 in the qualifying Athens sand court.

The defeat ended U.S. hopes of winning a third straight gold medal in the event.

Fencing ref gets two-year ban

ATHENS, Greece — A Hungarian fencing referee was expelled from the Olympics and suspended for two years Sunday after making several errors during Saturday night's gold-medal match in men's foil.

Referee Jozsef Hidasi made mistakes in six of seven decisions — all four of Italy's, International Fencing Federation made director Jochen Faerber said. The Italians beat China 45-42 to win the gold medal. Faerber said the result would stand.

Olympic scoreboard

Sunday's scores

BASEBALL

Taiwan 5, Netherlands 1

Japan 6, Australia 0

Cuba 5, Italy 0

Canada 11, Australia 0

Czech Republic 7, New Zealand 5

Russia 10, Algeria 5

Australia 84, Brazil 66

Greece 51, Japan 91

United States 100, China 62

Spain 64, South Korea 0

FIELD HOCKEY

Germany 3, South Korea 2

New Zealand 3, South Korea 2

China 3, Argentina 2

Netherlands 1, Australia 0

SOFTBALL

Japan 1, China 0

United States 5, Australia 0

Team HANDBALL

Australia 3, Japan 0 (Japan wins bronze)

Men

Slovenia 26, South Korea 23

Croatia 30, Spain 22

France 27, Germany 22

Hungary 26, Greece 22

Russia 24, Iceland 20

Brazil 45, Egypt 20

Women

Russia 3, Dominican Republic 0 (25-16, 25-12)

Japan 3, Kenya 0 (25-8, 25-17, 25-14)

China 3, Russia 0 (25-15, 25-16, 26-26)

Italy 3, Russia 0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-20)

Brazil 3, South Korea 0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-23)

United States 3, Cuba 0 (25-22, 25-12, 25-19)

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Gold Medal

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Row, row, row for U.S. gold and silver

Men's eight wins title as women settle for second

BY BRETT MARTEL

The Associated Press

SCHINIAS, Greece — The American men's elite eight crew ended a four-decade gold drought in rowing on Sunday, taking a big lead and fending off a late charge by the Netherlands.

The women's eight won the silver medal, but had a more subdued celebration. The favored U.S. team finished behind the Romanian boat that it edged in the initial heat.

After the men's victory, coxswain Pete Cipollone turned to face the grandstands and splashed water with both hands, celebrating a clutch performance. After receiving their medals, Cipollone's teammates threw him back into the water, laughing as they five-foot-1, 120-pound coxswain flew through the air and splashed down.

The Americans had set themselves up as the team to beat with a world record in their initial heat a week ago.



Coxswain Pete Cipollone, back to camera, calls the cadence as members of the United States' men's eight crew row to a gold medal on Sunday.

They edged Canada in the preliminary, forcing their highly regarded rival to enter the finals through a repechage, or second-chance race. Canada won that, but seemed to have nothing left in the final, struggling to fifth.

Without the strong tail wind of last week, the U.S. men weren't close to their world-record time of 5 minutes, 19.85 seconds, but had little trouble with the rest of the field. They got off the line quickly and turned a half-second lead at 500 meters into a commanding 3.26 at 1,000.

The Netherlands closed the gap by nearly 2 seconds over the next 1,000 meters but never threatened as the Americans finished in 5:42.48.

Australia got the bronze.

Romania's women's eight, beaten by 0.3 seconds by the American women in the preliminary heat, didn't wait as long to make a move this time. The Americans, undefeated in 2004, had small leads at 500 and 1,000 meters, but Romania picked up its stroke over the remaining 1,000 and won

by 1.86 seconds, finishing in 6:17.70.

Germany, the only country to win gold in women's quadruple sculls since it became an Olympic event, pushed its streak to five on Sunday by leading from start to finish. Kathrin Boron, a member of the German crew, won her fourth gold medal.

Britain won silver and Ukraine bronze, with the United States sixth.

In other finals Sunday:

■ Romania's Constanta Burciaca and Angela Alupeu overcame a

2-second deficit to repeat as lightweight doubles sculls champions.

■ Poland's Tomasz Kucharski and Robert Syz pulled out an early lead and held off France by a half-second to repeat in men's lightweight doubles sculls. Yassileios Plymeros and Nikolaos Skithitis rallied for a bronze for the host country.

■ Two-time world champion Denmark breezed to gold in the lightweight four.

■ Russia beat the Czech Republic and Ukraine in the men's quadruple sculls, with world champion Germany lagging back in fifth.

Fernandez, U.S. cruise in softball

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Lisa Fernandez pitched a three-hitter and Crystal Bustos drove in two runs as the United States beat Australia 5-0 on Sunday, giving the Americans their eighth shutout in eight days and a berth in the softball gold medal game.

Natasha Watley had three hits, Kelly Kretschman homered and the U.S. team (8-0) dominated again. The Americans have won 78 straight games since last July, and have yet to yield a run in the Athens Games, outscoring opponents 46-0 while allowing just 14 hits.

Tanya Harding pitched her fourth shutout as Australia beat Japan 3-0 in a loser's bracket game, setting up a rematch Monday with the United States for the gold medal.

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Once there was shock. Now there are shrugs.

The U.S. men's basketball team wasn't taking its latest Olympic defeat too hard on Sunday, knowing its spot in the quarterfinals was assured.

Even with a 94-90 loss to Lithuania on Saturday night, and a 19-point loss to Puerto Rico in the opener, the Americans will still advance regardless of what happens in their final preliminary round game Monday against winless Angola.

"My sense is that they were just shocked after the Puerto Rico [loss] to a greater degree," assistant coach Gregg Popovich said Sunday. "They've realized as the tourney has gone along that everybody's pretty good."

The Americans will finish third or fourth in Group B, depending on the outcome of Monday night's Greece-Puerto Rico game. A Greek victory would put the

Americans into a quarterfinal matchup with Spain, the top team from Group A. If Puerto Rico wins, the Americans would next play Argentina or Italy.

"I know we keep saying it, but we are getting better," Richard Jefferson said. "We're understanding what coach wants, the way each other plays. Our defense and offense is getting better, guys are shooting the ball better, including myself, and I still think we're going to be the team to beat."

No matter the quarterfinal opponent Thursday, players will be off Tuesday, their first day of rest in nearly a month.

Not that the players believe they need it.

"Fatigue will set in once we've done with all this," Jefferson said. "That's like saying fatigue is setting in during the [NBA] playoffs. Only towards get fatigue."

The most intriguing Monday, the final day of preliminary round play, could come in the first game, which is between Spain

and New Zealand. If New Zealand wins — or if Spain intentionally loses — the reigning world champions from Serbia-Montenegro will be eliminated.

"I would think there would be some players resting," Popovich said.

If Spain defeats New Zealand, Serbia-Montenegro can reach the quarterfinals by defeating China in the second game of the afternoon session. The Greece-Puerto Rico game that matters most to the Americans won't be played until the end of the night session.

"It'll be good to be back to 0-0 and have a chance to win the gold," U.S. forward Carlos Boozer said. "We've matured a lot in the four games we've played, and we're looking forward to maturing a lot in the Angola game and moving on to the medal round."

The game against Angola (0-4) figures to be the easiest of the Olympics for the Americans, though it'll be nowhere near as lopsided as the Angola-U.S. game in 1992 when the Dream Team opened the Barcelona Olympics

with a 116-48 victory over players who had holes in their sneakers.

Charles Barkley caused an international incident in that game when he elbowed an Angolan and remarked afterward that it appeared the player hadn't eaten in awhile.

Those days of American dominance are long gone, which is part of the reason why this U.S. team was able to put the latest loss — and a measly 2-2 record — behind them so easily.

"What amazes me is some of the people who'll say, 'How could you lose?' or 'What happened?'" Popovich said. "Those are people who live in a phone booth and haven't watched basketball for the last 10 years and don't realize how good these teams are, how well coached they are, what it takes to put a team together and how long it takes."

"There are five to seven teams that can win the tournament," Popovich said. "I think that's great for basketball, and I don't think that's lost on our guys. They know exactly how large the challenge is."

Gold still the target for basketball team

U.S. ups gymnastics haul

Women win 3 individual medals; Hamm shut out

By NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Terin Humphrey and Annia Hatch got silver.

Journett Kupets got bronze. And Paul Hamm got mud.

The United States upped its gymnastics medal haul to seven Sunday night, the most since the Americans won 16 at the boycotted Los Angeles Games in 1984. And they might not be finished yet.

Hamm is in two event finals Monday night while Kupets, all-around champ Carly Patterson and Morgan Hamm are in one each.

"I think it was a pretty average finish," U.S. women's coach Kelli Hill said. "We like seeing three girls compete today and three girls walk away with hardware."

Greek fans had something to cheer about, too. Dimosthenis Tampoukis sent the Olympic Indoor Hall into a frenzy on the final event of the night, winning

gold on still rings. Tampoukis was the first of eight competitors, and the hometown fans — including local people chief Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki — roared each time a score was posted and Tampoukis maintained his hold on first place.

It sounded as if the entire arena was singing the Greek national anthem, and many stuck around after the medals ceremony for an impromptu party. Svetlana Khorkina wasn't one of them. Russia's reigning diva brought her Olympic career to an abrupt end, stalling off the floor after a surprising fall on the uneven bars. Khorkina didn't even stick around to watch the final bars performance, leaving before Humphrey performed.

Paul Hamm failed to medal in either of his events, finishing fifth on floor and sixth on pommel horse. But he was more upset with the International Gymnastics Federation, which acknowledged Saturday that a scoring error wrongly gave Hamm the

gold in the all-around over Yang Tae-young of South Korea. Though FIG says it cannot change the results, the South Koreans plan to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in hopes of getting a duplicate gold medal.

"I can understand where they're coming from," Hamm said, referring to the South Koreans. "The people I'm a little bit upset with is the FIG because this matter should have never even come up. Reviewing videotape isn't even allowed in the rules. Rules can't be changed after the competition is over. Right now, I personally feel I shouldn't even be dealing with this."

The Americans would, of course, prefer to bask in the glory of all those medals.

They left Sydney red-faced four years ago, failing to win a single medal for the first time since 1972. They promised things would be different in the future, and they were right.

The U.S. men won a silver in the team competition, their first medal since the Golden Gang of



Annia Hatch of the U.S. smiles after winning the silver medal in the vault during the individual apparatus finals on Sunday.

1984. The U.S. women also won a silver; it could have been gold if not for some sloppy mistakes.

Hamm became the first U.S. man to win the Olympic all-around, and Carly Patterson became the first woman since Mary Lou Retton in 1984 to win gymnastics' biggest prize.

"That makes us just so excited to start raking them in," Kupets said. "Hopefully, we'll keep that going."

Massu outlasts Fish to earn second gold medal

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Nicolas Massu of Chile won his second gold medal of these Olympics by beating Mardy Fish of the United States 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a four-hour men's singles tennis final Sunday night.

Chile never had a gold medal in any sport until Massu and Fernando Gonzalez won the doubles title in match that lasted more than 3½ hours and ended early Sunday morning. Gonzalez won the singles bronze, beating Taylor Dent of the United States.

From early in the second set against Fish, Massu appeared exhausted, buying time whenever he could between points and having a trainer massage his left leg after the fourth set.

But the 10th-seeded Massu broke the unseeded Fish for a 3-2 edge in the fifth set with a run-and-forehand passing shot. The Chilean held his serve the rest of the way to win the title.

It's the first time Massu has won a tournament played on hard courts. He was 0-7 this year on the surface before winning six straight matches at the Olympics.

Fish's silver is the only medal for the U.S. tennis team in Athens.

Track and field

Women's marathon: Mizuki Noguchi of Japan held on for the gold and American Deena Kastor pulled a late burst for a stunning bronze medal finish.

Kastor's third place gave the United States its first marathon medal since Joan Benoit's gold in



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Los Angeles 20 years ago.

Catherine Nderera of Kenya took the silver, reversing the order of last year's world championships, where the Kenyan won and Noguchi was second.

Noguchi, who ran the ancient Greek course as a warmup in June, won in 2 hours, 26 minutes, 20 seconds. She was 49 seconds ahead of Nderera, who narrowed the lead to 14 seconds late in the race but could get no closer.

Kastor, who overtook Ethiopian Elfes Alemu with less than a mile remaining in the 26.2-mile race, finished in 2:27:19.

The favorite, British world record holder Paula Radcliffe, faded to fourth place and then quit the race about 3½ miles from the finish, bursting into tears, then sitting on a curb and sobbing.

At the finish line in Panathiniko Stadium in central Athens — site

of the original modern Olympics in 1896 — the crowd of mostly British fans stood in stunned silence as the giant television screen showed Radcliffe stopping, trying to start again, then stopping for good, her face contorted in agony. They never had the chance to wave the British flags that most of them carried.

High jump: Stefan Holm of Sweden won the gold medal with a jump of 7 feet, 8½ inches (2.36 meters).

American Matt Hemmings got the silver medal. Jaroslav Babka of the Czech Republic won the bronze.

Cycling

Women's 3,000-meter pursuit: World champion Sarah Ulmer of New Zealand continued her dominance in the 3,000-meter pursuit, breaking her own world record to win the gold medal.

Ulmer finished in 3:24.537, nearly two seconds faster than her world record set in Friday's qualifying. Australia's Katie Maclister won silver while retiring Leontien Zijlstra-van Moorsel of the Netherlands got bronze — her sixth and final Olympic medal.

Fencing

Men's team epee: French fencers earned their third gold medal of these Olympics on Sunday, defeating Hungary 43-32 in the final of the men's team epee competition.

France built its lead over Hungary slowly in the final match, never pulling away until the very end when Fabrice Jeannet scored three straight touches to open the last bout, causing Krisztián Kulcsar to force his attacks in a vain hope of rallying.

France's Brice Guyart won the

individual foil gold earlier in the games, as did the French men's sabre team. In total, France has won six fencing medals.

Germany defeated Russia to take the bronze on the last day of competition at the Helliniko Fencing Hall.

Sailing

Women's Europe class: Norway's Siren Sundby took the gold medal, protecting her big lead with a middle-of-the-field finish.

Sundby came in 12th in the final race of the class, winning by 18 points from Lenka Smidova of the Czech Republic. Sine Løvberg of Denmark held on to take bronze by one point despite finishing last.

Men's Laser class: A sixth-place finish in the final race was enough for Robert Schmidt of Brazil to take the gold medal. Andreas Gertner of Austria took the silver and Vasilij Zbogor of Slovenia the bronze.

Table tennis

Women's singles: China's Zhang Yining won her second table tennis gold, beating surprise finalist Kim Hyang Mi of North Korea 4-0.

The top-seeded Zhang dominated the match from start to finish for a comfortable 11-8, 11-7, 11-2, 11-2 victory. She dropped her bat to the ground after the winning point and blew kisses to the crowd.

Kim's semifinal may have taken its toll — she took 62 minutes and seven games to beat Jia Wei Li of Singapore on Saturday.

Sunday's final took just 26 minutes.

Kim raced to a 4-0 lead in the first game, but the Chinese quickly leveled and Kim never got back into the match.

Army's Anti good for silver

By DAVID MORDKOFF
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ATHENS, Greece — Matt Emmons was focusing on staying calm.

He should have been focusing on the right target.

Emmons fired at the wrong one with his final shot Sunday in the men's 50-meter rifle. A shocking mistake that cost the American a commanding lead in the Olympic 50-meter three-position rifle final and ruined his chance for a second medal.

Leading by three points and needing only to get near the bull's-eye to win, Emmons fired at the target in lane three while shooting in lane two. When no score appeared, he gestured to officials that he thought there was some sort of error with his target.

"When I shot the shot, everything went blank," Emmons said. "On those targets, sometimes every once in a great while, it won't register. The shot just doesn't show up, so that's what I thought happened."

He was wrong. Officials huddled before announcing that Emmons had cross-fired — an extremely rare mistake in this competition — and awarded him a score of zero. That dropped Emmons to eighth place at 1,257.4 points and lifted Jia Zhanbo of China to the gold at 1,264.5.

It also lifted Army Maj. Michael Anti, of Winterville, N.C., to the silver at 1,263.1 points and Christian Planer of Austria to the bronze at 1,262.8.

Emmons, from Browns Mills, N.J., explained that he usually sets his sight on the number of the target as a reference point and then lowers his gun to hone in on the bull's-eye, which was about 55 yards away in this event. The lanes are side by side, with the targets separated by several feet.

"On that shot, I was just worrying about calming myself down and just breaking a good shot, and so I didn't even look at the number," he said. "I probably should have."

A perfect score — dead center in a bull's-eye that is smaller than a dime — is worth 10.9 in the final round, but all Emmons needed was an 8.0 for gold. His shot on the wrong target was an 8.1, but it didn't count, of course.

Emmons wants the only American who blew his chance at winning the gold medal.

Anti had two points deducted from his score in the qualifying round because he fired too many shots from the kneeling position. If those two points were added to his total, he would have won the gold, finishing 0.6 points ahead of Jia.

In three-position rifle, competitors take five shots from prone, kneeling and standing positions. The top eight advance to the final, where they fire 10 shots while standing.

"We both made bonehead mistakes today," Anti said. "We both kind of gave the gold medal away."

